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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2 **TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011, ON PAGE 120]**

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** JANUARY 11, 2011 MEETING OF THE LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BEGIN, BUT FIRST, IF
8 THE AUDIENCE WOULD PLEASE RISE FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE
9 VICTIMS OF THOSE WHO WERE SHOT IN THE ARIZONA TRAGEDY IN WHICH
10 CONGRESSWOMAN GABRIELLE GIFFORDS WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED AND THE
11 FOLLOWING: CHRISTINA TAYLOR- GREEN, DOROTHY MORRIS, JUDGE JOHN
12 ROLL OF THE FEDERAL COURT, 9TH DISTRICT, PHYLLIS SCHNECK, AND
13 DORWIN STODDARD AND GABRIEL ZIMMERMAN AND THE OTHERS WHO WERE
14 WOUNDED, WE STAND FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE BEFORE WE BEGIN THIS
15 BOARD MEETING.

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17 [GAVEL]

18 [MOMENT OF SILENCE}

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE WILL NOW BE LED IN PRAYER BY PASTOR
21 ERIC MARSH OF THE HOPE FOR LONG BEACH MINISTRY OF GRACE
22 BRETHREN CHURCH, IN THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, LONG
23 BEACH. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY FRANCISCO CORTEZ FROM VAN NUYS,
24 SECOND VICE COMMANDER, VAN NUYS POST NUMBER 193.



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1 **ERIC MARSH:** PLEASE JOIN ME. CREATOR GOD, WE COME BEFORE YOU
2 THIS MORNING AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AS THE SOURCE OF LIFE. WE ARE
3 GRATEFUL FOR OUR HEALTH, OUR RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS AND FOR
4 ANOTHER DAY TO WORK. FOR THESE THREE GIFTS, WE GIVE YOU
5 THANKS. FOR THOSE AMONG US WHO ARE NOT WELL, I ASK THAT YOU
6 WOULD BE MERCIFUL TO THEM. FOR THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING IN
7 DIFFICULT RELATIONSHIPS, I ASK FOR RECONCILIATION. FOR THOSE
8 IN OUR COUNTY WHO ARE OUT OF WORK, I ASK FOR COMPASSION AND
9 FOR OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU FOR HEALTH, FOR GOOD AND HEALTHY
10 RELATIONSHIPS AND FOR THE GIFT OF WORK. FATHER, I ASK FOR TWO
11 MORE THINGS. I ASK FOR WISDOM FOR THIS BOARD AS THEY WORK WITH
12 AN EVER-INCREASING COMPLEX BUDGET AND I ASK FOR CIVILITY. IN
13 THE WAKE OF TUCSON, HAVE MERCY ON US. SPARE US FROM THE RAGE
14 THAT IS CONSUMING US. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THOSE IN THE ROOM
15 WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTY. GIVE THEM PATIENCE AND HUMILITY AS
16 THEY DO THEIR JOB. AMEN.

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18 **FRANCISCO CORTEZ:** CAN YOU PLEASE FACE THE FLAG, PLACE YOUR
19 RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART, AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF
20 ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.]

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
25 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A



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1 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO PASTOR ERIC MARSH. WE JUST WANT
2 TO SAY THANK YOU TO HIM FOR TAKING THE TIME OUT OF HIS VERY
3 BUSY SCHEDULE TO BE HERE. AS WAS MENTIONED, HE IS PASTOR. HE'S
4 ON STAFF AT GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH IN LONG BEACH. ADDITIONALLY,
5 HE DIRECTS HOPE FOR LONG BEACH, AN ORGANIZATION THAT EQUIPS
6 CHURCHES TO FLOURISH IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. ERIC AND HIS WIFE
7 SARA HAVE LIVED IN THE CALIFORNIA HEIGHTS AREA OF LONG BEACH
8 FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS. THEY HAVE FOUR CHILDREN AND WE JUST,
9 AGAIN, WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR A VERY KIND AND
10 GRACIOUS INVOCATION AND GOD SPEED. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. WE WERE LED IN THE PLEDGE OF
15 ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING BY FRANCISCO CORTEZ, WHO IS
16 REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN LEGION VAN NUYS POST 193, WHERE HE
17 HOLDS THE TITLE OF SECOND VICE COMMANDER. HE SERVED IN THE
18 UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 2000 THROUGH 2006, ACHIEVING THE RANK
19 OF SERGEANT, SERVED WITH ECHO COMPANY, THE 51ST LONG RANGE
20 SURVEILLANCE UNIT IN GERMANY, AND HE'S A FULL TIME STUDENT NOW
21 AT U.S.C., HE'S BEEN A 20-YEAR RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT AND A
22 GRADUATE OF VAN NUYS HIGH SCHOOL. SO FRANCISCO, THANK YOU VERY
23 MUCH FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE AND FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR
24 COUNTRY. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL BEGIN THE AGENDA.

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE
4 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE FOUR, AGENDA FOR
5 THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D
6 THROUGH 3-D. THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
9 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
12 AUTHORITY, 1-H.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
18 FINANCING AUTHORITY, 1-F.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
21 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
24 FINANCE AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-R.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED.
2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK
5 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, 1-P.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
8 THOMAS. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9, ON
11 ITEM NUMBER 6, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
12 TO HOLD THIS ITEM, AND THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 13, CONSENT CALENDAR,
18 ITEMS 10 THROUGH 28. ON ITEM NUMBER 10, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
19 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 14,
20 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
21 ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 15, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS
22 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 18TH, 2011. ON
23 ITEM NUMBER 18, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
24 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 20, SUPERVISOR KNABE
25 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 18TH,



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1 2011. I'M SORRY. MR. MAYOR, ON ITEM NUMBER 20, IT'S JUST THE
2 PORTION-- SUPERVISOR KNABE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT THE
3 PORTION RELATED TO MARINA DEL REY BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO
4 JANUARY 18TH; REMAINDER OF THE ITEM WILL BE BEFORE YOU. AND ON
5 ITEM NUMBER 26, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS
6 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 18TH, 2011. THE
7 REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
10 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 21, DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS NUMBER
13 29 AND 30. ON ITEM NUMBER 29, AS INDICATED ON THE THE
14 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
15 THIS BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 25TH, 2011.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED.
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 30, WE WILL HOLD FOR A
21 DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 22, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
22 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
23 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON
24 ITEM NUMBER 31-A, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND A MEMBER OF THE
25 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 31-B,



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1 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUEST THAT THIS
2 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 31-C, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A
3 DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 25, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON ITEM
4 NUMBER C.S.-1, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE
5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
6 THREE WEEKS TO FEBRUARY 1ST, 2011.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED.
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE AGENDA. BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
13 NUMBER 5.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I ASK FOR A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.
18 I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GO TO A FUNERAL IN-- LIKE NOW. CAN I JUST
19 READ IN MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS VERY QUICKLY AND I'LL GET THE
20 INFORMATION TO THEM? I WANT TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF NORMA
21 FOSTER, WHO I THINK MANY OF US KNEW, LEADER IN HOLLYWOOD AND
22 FORCE BEHIND THE HOLLYWOOD EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES FOR MANY,
23 MANY YEARS, PASSED AWAY. WANT TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF BUD
24 GREENSPAN, WHO I DON'T THINK WE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF LAST
25 WEEK, THE GREAT OLYMPIC DOCUMENTARIAN WHO PASSED AWAY ON IN



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1 NEW YORK A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. ALSO WANT TO ASK THAT WE
2 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DEBBIE FRIEDMAN, WHICH IS WHERE I'M
3 GOING, ONE OF THE GREAT JEWISH LITURGISTS OF THE LAST HALF
4 CENTURY. THOSE OF US WHO ATTEND SERVICES IN THE REFORM AND
5 CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT IN JUDAISM ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH HER
6 MELODIES AND THEY HAVE BECOME A STAPLE IN THE LITURGY OF
7 JEWISH PRAYER. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 59 OVER THE WEEKEND,
8 VERY UNTIMELY PASSING, AND THOSE ARE MY-- I THINK I MAY HAVE
9 SOME OTHERS, BUT I'LL GET THEM TO YOU LATER. ASK THAT WE
10 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THOSE. MR. CHAIRMAN, ONE LAST THING, ON
11 ITEM NUMBER 31-A, WHICH IS YOUR MOTION, I HELD IT BECAUSE I
12 HAVE AN AMENDMENT WHICH I THINK YOUR OFFICE IS OKAY WITH, AND
13 I WON'T READ IT, BUT I JUST WOULD MOVE IT SO THAT WHEN YOU
14 TAKE IT UP, IT WILL BE ON THE TABLE.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THAT THE ONLY ITEM YOU WERE
17 HOLDING?

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE'S A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT WAS
20 HOLDING IT. I MAY BE BACK.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL BRING YOUR AMENDMENT IN THEN.
23 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. LET ME FIRST BRING IN
24 OUR NEW CONSUL-GENERAL. I WANT TO WELCOME TO LOS ANGELES
25 COUNTY THE HONORABLE HADI MARTONO, WHO IS THE CONSUL-GENERAL



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1 FOR INDONESIA. HE HAS BEEN A DIPLOMAT FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS.
2 HE JOINED THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN INDONESIA AFTER
3 EARNING HIS MASTER'S DEGREE STUDYING POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM
4 THE UNIVERSITY OF PUNJAB IN PAKISTAN. HE HAS SERVED IN THE
5 INDONESIAN EMBASSY IN GERMANY AND HEADED THE DOCTORATE OF
6 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
7 AFFAIRS. HE WENT TO SOUTH AFRICA IN 1996, SERVING AS THE FIRST
8 SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION AFFAIRS IN THE NEW INDONESIAN'S
9 EMBASSY WHEN IT WAS ESTABLISHED AFTER THE FALL OF APARTHEID.
10 HE THEN SERVED THE EMBASSY IN PAKISTAN AS MINISTER COUNSELOR
11 AND HE IS MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN, AND WE WELCOME HIM TO
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND WE WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION,
13 AND SAY A FEW WORDS. [APPLAUSE.]

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15 **HON. HADI MARTONO:** HONORABLE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS AND STAFFS OF THE L.A.
17 COUNTY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. FIRST OF
18 ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE L.A.
19 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR SUCH WONDERFUL WELCOME. IT IS
20 A TRUE PLEASURE AND PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO BE HERE AT THIS
21 PRESTIGIOUS COUNTY HALL. TO BE FRANK, I HAVE ONLY BEEN HERE IN
22 THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY FOR LESS THAN FOUR MONTHS, AND I MUST SAY,
23 I AM ENJOYING LIFE HERE THUS FAR. THE CONSUL-GENERAL OF THE
24 REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, WHICH I AM APPOINTED TO BE, HAS N THE
25 MISSION TO FACILITATE AND STRENGTHEN GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN



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1 THE U.S. AND INDONESIA IN ALL SECTORS AND SERVE THE INDONESIAN
2 GOVERNMENT WITHIN EIGHT STATES OF THE UNITED STATES. THE
3 STATES ARE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA, NEVADA, UTAH,
4 COLORADO, MONTANA, WYOMING, HAWAII AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.
5 THE MISSION OF THE COUNTRY IRSELF INCLUDES PROMOTING BILATERAL
6 ECONOMIC COOPERATION, INVESTMENT, TRADE, AS WELL AS ARTS AND
7 CULTURE. FOR YOUR KIND REFERENCE, ALLOW ME ALSO TO BRIEFLY
8 TALK ABOUT COMPREHENSIVE PARTNERSHIP PACT WITHIN THE U.S. AND
9 INDONESIA, WHICH HAS BEEN VERY RECENTLY SIGNED IN JAKARTA. THE
10 AGREEMENT ENCOMPASSES AREAS OF TRADE AND ADVISEMENT,
11 EDUCATION, ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT, SECURITY,
12 DEMOCRACY AND CIVIL RIGHTS. IT IS HENCE MY FERVENT HOPE THAT
13 UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PARTNERSHIP, THE
14 COOPERATION THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES
15 COUNTY AND INDONESIAN CONSULATE BY MY PREDECESSOR IN ANY EVENT
16 ORGANIZED BY L.A. COUNTY _____ TO NAME ONE OF THEM, THE
17 ANNUAL L.A. COUNTY FAIR, IN WHICH INDONESIA HAD PARTICIPATED
18 LAST YEAR, COULD CONTINUE TO FLOURISH AND EVEN EXTEND DURING
19 MY TERM AS CONSUL-GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA FOR THE
20 NEXT THREE YEARS. IN THIS REGARD, WE WOULD HUMBLY LIKE TO
21 ASSURE YOU OF OUR CONTRIBUTION AT FUTURE EVENTS ORGANIZED BY
22 THE L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I LOOK FORWARD TO
23 WORKING TOGETHER WITH WONDERFUL PEOPLE OF THE LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY AND HOPING THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WE COULD INITIATE



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1 MORE COOPERATION BETWEEN PEOPLE AND BUSINESS COMMUNITIES IN
2 INDONESIA AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GLORIA? WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH THE
5 RECOGNITION OF L.A. COUNTY STARS BEGINNING WITH DAVID KILGORE,
6 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, IN THE CATEGORY OF
7 SERVICE EXCELLENCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS. IN
8 OCTOBER 2008, THE DEPARTMENT TRANSITIONED INTO CHILD SUPPORT
9 ENFORCEMENT, STATEWIDE CHILD SUPPORT AUTOMATED SYSTEM. THEY
10 ASSIST CASE WORKERS IN PERFORMING MANY OF THE FUNCTIONS
11 REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH AND ENFORCE CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS
12 INCLUDING LOCATING PARENTS, EMPLOYERS, INCOME ASSETS AND
13 MAINTAINING RECORDS OF THE AMOUNT THAT THE CHILD SUPPORT
14 COLLECTED FROM PARENTS AND IS PAID TO FAMILIES. ONE OF THE
15 MAJOR PROBLEMS IS WHEN USING THE SYSTEM THAT IT DID NOT HAVE
16 THE CAPABILITY TO EASILY IDENTIFY CHILD SUPPORT CASES NEEDING
17 IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. CASE WORKERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR AS MANY
18 AS 1,000 EACH, AND MUST MANUALLY SEARCH THOSE CASELOADS TO
19 DETERMINE WHICH KIND OF ACTION WOULD BE REQUIRED. SO TO
20 ADDRESS THIS TIME CONSUMING, INEFFICIENT PRACTICE, DAVID
21 KILGORE DESIGNED A CASE MANAGEMENT TOOL, A SOFTWARE
22 APPLICATION THAT ORGANIZES CASES BY DIVISION, TEAM AND CASE
23 WORKER. THIS PERMITS THE USERS TO IDENTIFY, ANALYZE AND TAKE
24 TIMELY ACTION ON THOSE CASES. AS A DIRECT RESULT, CHILD
25 SUPPORT SERVICE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE IN 2009/2010



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1 NOT ONLY MET BUT EXCEEDED GOALS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE OF
2 CALIFORNIA. SINCE ITS SUCCESS IN OUR COUNTY, THE CASE
3 MANAGEMENT TOOL HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED AND IS BEING USED IN
4 ALMOST EVERY COUNTY IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SO, DAVID,
5 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NEXT WE WOULD LIKE TO CALL UP OUR
8 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, DEPUTY CHIEF SCOTT POSTER, WHO IS IN
9 THE CATEGORY OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE. FOLLOWING THE SEPTEMBER
10 11, 2001 ATTACK OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IN WHICH 343 FIRST
11 RESPONDERS LOST THEIR LIVES, IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT A BETTER
12 COMMUNICATION FOR OUR OWN EMERGENCY RESPONDERS WAS NEEDED TO
13 REPLACE THE COUNTY'S FRAGMENTED, OBSOLETE RADIO SYSTEM. THE
14 LOS ANGELES RADIO INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WAS
15 CREATED TO ADDRESSING THIS SERIOUS LIFE SAVING ISSUE. DEPUTY
16 FIRE CHIEF SCOTT POSTER SERVED AS THE TASK FORCE LEADER AT A
17 CRITICAL TIME OF DEVELOPMENT IN THIS 900-MILLION-DOLLAR
18 PROJECT WHICH NOW INVOLVED 82 OF OUR 88 CITIES WITHIN THE
19 COUNTY. HE WAS CHALLENGED WITH THE TASK OF BRINGING ALL OF THE
20 VARIOUS AGENCIES TOGETHER AND BALANCING VARIOUS POINTS OF VIEW
21 TO MOVE THAT PLAN FORWARD. IN LESS THAN NINE MONTHS, HE LED A
22 SMALL STAFF WITH NO FORMAL BUDGET, CREATING AN ADMINISTRATIVE
23 BACKBONE FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND A MULTI-AGENCY PROJECT PLAN.
24 IN ADDITION, HE FINALIZED AND ISSUED THE PROJECT'S 1500 PAGE
25 R.F.P. TO BUILD A REGION-WIDE SYSTEM AND HAS SECURED OVER \$143



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1 MILLION IN GRANT FUNDING. HE EXEMPLIFIES THE SPECIAL TALENTS
2 FOR ACHIEVING THIS REMARKABLE SERVICE LEADERSHIP TRAIT AND
3 SHARED VALUE IN LAUNCHING THIS HISTORICAL PROJECT THAT WILL
4 ASSIST FIRST RESPONDERS TO COMMUNICATE. SCOTT? [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THEN I WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP JIM
7 MCCARTHY, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND REC IN THE CATEGORY OF
8 SERVICE EXCELLENCE. JIM, THE DEPARTMENT FACILITY PLANNER HAS
9 COORDINATED CONSTRUCTION OF EVERYTHING FROM GYMNASIUMS AND
10 SWIMMING POOLS TO OUR EQUESTRIAN TRAILS AND TRAIL HEADS AND HE
11 HAS PERSONALLY RIDDEN WITH ME ON OUR EQUESTRIAN TRAILS WITH
12 OUR TRAIL RIDES THAT WE HAVE AND THE NEXT ONE IS MAY 1ST,
13 WHICH IS GOING TO BE IN CASTAIC. HE'S CONDUCTED HUNDREDS OF
14 MEETINGS WITH CITIZENS IMPACTED BY THOSE PROJECTS. HE GOES
15 BEYOND THE OBLIGATORY AND ALWAYS MAKES HIMSELF AVAILABLE TO
16 EXPLAIN PROJECTS, SOLICIT INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY AND
17 FACILITATE COMPROMISES. HIS OUTREACH AND PLAIN SPEAKING HAVE
18 EARNED HIM THE RESPECT AND AFFECTION FROM HIS COMMUNITY AND
19 HIS PEERS. HE'S ABLE TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL TROUBLE AREAS AND
20 HE'S ALWAYS PROVIDES THOUGHTFUL, COST EFFECTIVE, PRACTICAL
21 SOLUTIONS. HE ESTABLISHED THE MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH OPEN SPACE
22 RESERVE WHICH WAS BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S SANTA MONICA
23 CONSERVANCY, NOT BY THE BOARD, DRAFTED MITIGATION TO PRESERVE
24 MORE THAN 6,000 ACRES TO THE NEWHALL RANCH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
25 AND ASSISTED IN EXPANDING THE RIM OF THE VALLEY CORRIDOR. IN



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1 2002, HIS DEPARTMENT WAS MANDATED TO PERFORM PLAYGROUND
2 INSPECTIONS ON ALL ITS FACILITIES WITHIN A VERY SHORT PERIOD
3 OF TIME, AN ASSIGNMENT WHICH REQUIRED LABOR-INTENSIVE EFFORT
4 AND PAPER REFORMS THAT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO REPRODUCE,
5 MAIL OR FAX. HE DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE ELECTRONIC FORM THAT
6 CONVEYED ALL THE INFORMATION REQUIRED. YOU OUGHT TO WORK FOR
7 THE I.R.S.. ALSO INCLUDED A SERIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS FOR EACH
8 FACILITY THAT VISUALLY CONVEYED THE INFORMATION. HE HAS
9 COLLABORATED WITH SEVERAL OF OUR CITIES AND AGENCIES ON OPEN
10 SPACE ISSUES AND OUR TRAILS AND HE HAS HELPED TO DEVELOP A
11 PORTION OF THE PACIFIC CREST NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL. HE
12 NEGOTIATED WITH THE BOY SCOUTS TO ALLOW THE SKYLINE TRAIL TO
13 CROSS THE FIRESTONE BOY SCOUT RESERVE AND WITH CALTRANS,
14 BROUGHT AN EQUESTRIAN TRAIL TO TRAVEL UNDER THE FREEWAY AT BEE
15 CANYON. AS A PLANNER OF QUALITY PARKS, A PROTECTOR OF OUR
16 NATURAL RESOURCES, ADVOCATE FOR OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS AND A
17 PARTICIPANT IN THE LIFE OF HIS COMMUNITY, HE'S WIDELY
18 RECOGNIZED AS A LEADER AND HIS WIFE ALSO SERVES AS THE MAYOR
19 OF OUR GREAT CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. SO, JIM, CONGRATULATIONS
20 AND WISH YOU MANY MORE YEARS OF SUCCESS. [APPLAUSE.]

21
22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE WANT TO CALL UP A RESPONSIBLE
23 JOURNALIST WHO IS NOW RETIRING, AND THAT'S TROY ANDERSON,
24 WHICH MANY OF YOU HAVE READ IN THE LOS ANGELES "DAILY NEWS,"
25 "THE PASADENA STAR NEWS," THE "DAILY BULLETIN" AND THE -- WHAT



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1 ELSE DO WE HAVE-- THE "LONG BEACH PRESS-TELEGRAM." WHAT ELSE?
2 "DAILY BREEZE," "CHRISTIANITY TODAY," THE MAGAZINE, HE'S
3 WRITTEN A FEW ARTICLES THERE. SO HE'S COVERED OUR COUNTY FOR
4 THE PAST-- AGAIN, 10 NEWSPAPERS FOR OVER 11 YEARS. HE WRITES
5 20 NATIONAL AND REGIONAL MAGAZINES AND WEB SITES, INCLUDING
6 "NATIONAL WILDLIFE," "CHRISTIANITY TODAY," AND THE PACIFIC
7 RESEARCH INSTITUTE'S CAL WATCH.COM-- CAL WATCHDOG.COM.
8 GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON IN 1991 WITH A DEGREE IN
9 NEWS EDITORIAL JOURNALISM AND A MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. HE
10 CURRENTLY RESIDES IN CLAREMONT WITH HIS FAMILY AND HIS TWO
11 HOUND DOGS AND TWO CATS AND NOW HE'S PURSUING A CAREER, A NEW
12 CHAPTER AS AN AUTHOR AND FREELANCE MAGAZINE WRITER. SO, TROY,
13 IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU AND GET THOSE CALLS
14 MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT TO GIVE YOU COMMENTS ON THE STORIES
15 YOU'RE WRITING, SO ALL OF US WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS IN
16 YOUR CAREER OF WRITING. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA. (OFF-MIC.)

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MICROPHONE.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S NOT ON? IS IT ON NOW? IT IS NOW. ALL RIGHT.
23 LET ME JUST CONGRATULATE YOU AND THANK YOU. IT'S REALLY BEEN A
24 PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU. YOU'RE TENACIOUS IN GETTING YOUR
25 STORIES, BUT I'VE ALWAYS APPRECIATED THE WAY YOU HAVE



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1 APPROACHED ALL OF US ON THESE ISSUES. I APPRECIATE YOUR
2 WRITING AND THE WORK THAT YOU DO, AND I KNOW IT'S TOUGH, I
3 KNOW IT'S REALLY TOUGH, BUT I REALLY HAVE. IT'S BEEN A LONG,
4 LONG TIME. I'VE BEEN HERE A LONG TIME AND YOU'VE BEEN HERE
5 QUITE A WHILE AS WELL AND IT'S REALLY-- I LOOK FORWARD TO YOU
6 DOING WELL. YOU REALLY ARE A TERRIFIC GUY AND I APPRECIATE THE
7 WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE WITH US AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
8 DO WELL AS YOU CONTINUE WRITING AND DOING THE WORK THAT YOU
9 ENJOY DOING. CONGRATULATIONS.

10

11 **TROY ANDERSON:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD ADD THE SAME. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE WORKING
14 WITH TROY. HE NOT ONLY IS PERSISTENT, BUT HE ASKS FAIR
15 QUESTIONS AND HIS ANALYSIS AND FAIR AND, YOU KNOW, HE CAN BE
16 TOUGH WHEN HE NEEDS TO BE TOUGH, BUT NOT WITHOUT TRYING TO
17 WORK WITH ALL OF US IN GETTING-- HIS RESEARCH IS IMPECCABLE,
18 SO, TROY, WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST IN YOUR JOURNEY.

19

20 **TROY ANDERSON:** IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO COVER THE COUNTY FOR
21 THESE LAST 11 YEARS, AND I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU.
22 EVERYONE HAS BEEN GRACIOUS AND YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN VERY GOOD
23 SPORTS. [LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE]

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE HAVE LITTLE YORKSHIRE TERRIER
2 MIX. SHE'S EIGHT MONTHS OLD. HER NAME IS CHA-CHA, AND ANYBODY
3 WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT HER CAN CALL (562) 728-4644, ANYBODY
4 IN THE AUDIENCE. SEE ANYBODY OUT THERE? SO LITTLE CHA-CHA IS
5 LOOKING FOR A HOME. HOW ABOUT KOREAN TELEVISION? NICE
6 ADDITION, HUH? OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. WELL, IT IS REALLY MY HONOR THIS
9 MORNING TO PAY TRIBUTE TO A REALLY TERRIFIC, WONDERFUL PERSON.
10 THIS IS A GENTLEMAN WHO JOINED-- IS IT JOHN TOSELLO, AS WE'VE
11 KNOWN, BUT IT'S JOHN CARLOS TOSELLO, WHO WE'RE VERY, VERY
12 PROUD, WHO IS RETIRING FROM COUNTY SERVICE. JOHN BEGAN HIS
13 COUNTY CAREER IN 1979, AND IN 1984, HE JOINED THE OFFICE OF
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, JOHN HAS BEEN A
15 VIGOROUS PROSECUTOR. HE'S BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN ALL THE
16 ASSIGNMENTS THAT HE HAS HAD WITH THE D.A., BUT WE ARE
17 PARTICULARLY PROUD BECAUSE JOHN TOSELLO IS LIKE NO OTHER
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY THAT WE KNOW OF. IN 2005, JOHN JOINED THE
19 EAST LOS ANGELES STRATEGY AGAINST GANG AND ENVIRONMENT
20 PROGRAM. WE KNOW IT AS S.A.G.E. ALONG WITH MY OFFICE,
21 PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND PARKS DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS THE
22 SHERIFF, JOHN WORKED DILIGENTLY WITH MANY OF THE PARENTS
23 THROUGHOUT EAST LOS ANGELES. JOHN HAS GONE INTO THE HOMES OF
24 COUNTLESS PARENTS TO ENSURE OF THEIR PARTICIPATION AND THE
25 EDUCATING MOMS AND DADS ON A REGULAR BASIS ABOUT CHILDREN WHO



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1 HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED FOR VANDALISM AND GRAFFITI. JOHN HAS ALSO
2 LED THE WAY FOR CRIME \-FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM WHICH HAS
3 ENCOURAGED PROPERTY OWNERS TO WORK HAND IN HAND WITH LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT TO EVICT MANY OF THESE UNLAWFUL TENANTS, BUT HE
5 HAS HAD A-- I CAN'T BEGIN TO TELL YOU, I MEAN, THERE ARE SO
6 MANY PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE D.A.'S OFFICE AND THEY'RE ALWAYS
7 KNOWN AS JUST TOUGH, EDGY PROSECUTORS. THIS IS A GENTLEMAN WHO
8 REALLY UNDERSTANDS THE FULL, FULL GAMUT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. HE
9 HAS BEEN WORKING WITH PARENTS AND TRYING TO HOLD PARENTS MORE
10 ACCOUNTABLE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, RECOGNIZING AND
11 UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY NEED HELP AND THEY NEED ASSISTANCE,
12 AND JOHN HAS JUST BEEN THAT GUIDING HAND FOR SO MANY PEOPLE.
13 WE HAVE CALLED ON HIM, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE WORK THAT HE
14 DOES WITH PARENTS BUT BECAUSE HE IS SO CAPABLE OF
15 UNDERSTANDING HOW TO GET AT THESE ISSUES, AT THE CORE OF THESE
16 ISSUES. IT ISN'T JUST CATCHING THEM AND PROSECUTING THEM; IT'S
17 REALLY DEALING WITH AS MUCH AS YOU CAN DIRECTLY WITH PARENTS.
18 MANY OF THESE CHILDREN HAVE LITTLE BROTHERS, LITTLE SISTERS
19 THAT ARE GOING TO JOIN IN THE SAME PATH UNLESS YOU START
20 WORKING WITH THEM CLOSELY. SO, JOHN, IT'S VERY, VERY
21 BITTERSWEET FOR US, I KNOW THAT YOU'RE ENTITLED TO YOUR
22 RETIREMENT, YOU CERTAINLY HAVE DEDICATED MANY, MANY YEARS TO
23 ALL OF US HERE IN THE COUNTY. I KNOW ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND
24 EVERYBODY IN EAST L.A., ALL OF MY STAFF, ALL OF THE
25 DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH YOU, YOUR LEADERSHIP



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1 HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING, WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU TREMENDOUSLY AND
2 WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOU DOING WELL ON YOUR RETIREMENT AND
3 ENJOYING IT. VERY DESERVED, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATED
4 SERVICE TO ALL OF US. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **JOHN TOSELLO:** ACTUALLY, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING HAS BEEN THE
7 LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, WHO HAD THE FORESIGHT
8 TO SEE THAT THERE WERE PROBLEMS THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED
9 AND PUT PEOPLE IN THE POSITIONS AND ENCOURAGE THEM AND GAVE
10 THEM THE GUIDANCE TO ACCOMPLISH THOSE GOALS. THANK YOU VERY
11 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ALL MY PRESENTATIONS.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR AND
16 COLLEAGUES. I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HONORABLE JAE-SOO
17 KIM, CONSUL-GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HERE IN LOS
18 ANGELES, THE REVEREND DOCTOR SAE-WOO CHUNG, AND ELDER JAE-KWAN
19 KIM, THE CONVENTION CHAIR FOR THE 2011 KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY.
20 MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, THE HISTORY IS CLEAR: IT WAS ON
21 JANUARY THE 11TH IN 1903 THAT THE S.S. GAELIC ARRIVED IN
22 HAWAII CARRYING 103 BRAVE SOULS FROM KOREA AND THUS MARKING
23 THE START OF WHAT WE NOW KNOW AS KOREAN-AMERICAN HISTORY.
24 THESE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN VENTURED ACROSS THE PACIFIC IN
25 PURSUIT OF WHAT WE KNOW TO BE THE AMERICAN DREAM. THE FIRST



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1 KOREAN IMMIGRANTS FOUGHT FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE, THAT IS,
2 THEIR MOTHERLAND AND THEIR CHILDREN GREW UP AS PATRIOTIC
3 AMERICAN CITIZENS. THEY ALSO FOUGHT SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AS WELL
4 AS LANGUAGE BARRIERS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE HOME OF THE
5 LARGEST KOREAN-AMERICAN POPULATION IN THE ENTIRE UNITED
6 STATES. THE KOREAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY LOOKS TOWARD THE NEXT
7 CENTURY AND CONTINUES TO INSTILL IN THE YOUTH REVERENCE FOR
8 COURAGE AND PRIDE IN THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE. SEVERAL LEADERS
9 IN THE KOREAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAVE JOINED US TODAY IN THE
10 AUDIENCE, AND QUOTING DR. SANG-WON PARK, PRESIDENT OF THE
11 KOREAN FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES, AND I'D LIKE TO THE ENTIRETY
12 OF THE DELEGATION, IF THEY'D BE KIND ENOUGH TO STAND SO THAT
13 WE CAN RECOGNIZE THEM AT THIS TIME. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE THAT THE COUNTY
16 OF LOS ANGELES, THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES PROCLAIM
17 JANUARY 13TH KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS
18 ANGELES. WE DO THIS WITH PRIDE, WE DO IT WITH RESPECT, AND WE
19 DO IT WITH A GREAT DEGREE OF APPRECIATION FOR THE
20 CONTRIBUTIONS THAT YOU HAVE MADE TO THIS COUNTY AND TO THE
21 NATION, THAT WHICH YOU WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THIS
24 HONOR. IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE THAT WE KOREANS AND KOREAN-
25 AMERICANS CELEBRATE KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY. IT IS ESPECIALLY



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1 MEANINGFUL FOR THIS DAY TO BE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE
2 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SINCE KOREAN MOVED TO U.S. ON JANUARY
3 13, 1903, THE KOREAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAS DEVELOPED BY
4 ACHIEVING THE AMERICAN DREAM IN THIS LAND OF OPPORTUNITY. I'M
5 SURE THAT _____ PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES AND THE KOREAN-
6 AMERICANS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THEY ARE GOING TO WORK
7 TOGETHER TO BRING MUTUAL BENEFITS TO BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. THANK
8 YOU AGAIN ALL FOR MAKING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THE NUMBER
9 ONE PLACE FOR KOREANS TO LIVE AND BE THERE. THANK YOU.

10 [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HONORABLE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE
13 MEMBERS, BOARD OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT
14 IS MY HONOR TO WELCOME YOU IN CELEBRATING THE KOREAN-AMERICAN
15 DAY THIS MORNING. THE KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY IS NOW CELEBRATED ON
16 EVERY YEAR IN JANUARY 13 BY THE PROCLAMATION MADE BY THE
17 CONGRESS IN THE DECEMBER 2005. WE CELEBRATE THE FIRST
18 IMMIGRANTS OF 102 KOREANS ARRIVE IN THIS COUNTRY. THAT STARTED
19 108 YEARS AGO. THEREFORE, WE GIVE THANKS TO AMERICA FOR HAVING
20 GIVEN US DREAMS, AMBITIONS, AND PEACEFUL LIFE TO LEAD THE
21 VALUABLE KOREAN-AMERICAN IN THIS COUNTRY. EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE
22 MILLIONS WORDS, WE DO NOT KNOW THAT HOW CAN I EXPRESS AN
23 APPRECIATION TO YOU. WE KOREAN-AMERICANS WANT TO CONTRIBUTE
24 KOREAN HERITAGE, INCLUDING EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, SCIENCE,
25 BUSINESS, AND ARTS AND THE SPORTS AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF



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1 MILITARY SERVICE DEPEND FOR AMERICA AND THE PEACE IN THE
2 WORLD. FURTHERMORE, WE KOREAN-AMERICAN WANT CONTRIBUTE OUR
3 TALENT OF GIFT TO AMERICA FOR THE SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
4 AND THE STRONG COUNTRY UNDER GOD. WE WANT TO MAINTAIN THE
5 STRENGTH AND THE VITALITY OF THE UNITED STATES-KOREAN
6 PARTNERSHIPS. WE THE KOREAN-AMERICAN LIKE TO PRESENT A SLICE
7 OF AMERICANA AND WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME YOU TO COMMEMORATE
8 THE KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY. WE WANT TO GIVE OUR BEST WISHES TO
9 ALL ON THIS COMMEMORATION OF KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY. SAE-WOO
10 CHUNG, CHAIRMAN OF KOREAN-AMERICAN FOUNDATION IN LOS ANGELES.
11 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. IT'S A GREAT
14 HONOR TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY. PRESIDENT
15 BUSH ONCE SAID, "OUR COUNTRY IS BLESSED BY THE DIVERSITY OF
16 OUR CITIZENS." IN HIS SPEECH, HE EMPHASIZED THE OPPORTUNITY OF
17 KOREAN-AMERICAN WITH THE REST OF THE CITIZENS IN AMERICA BY
18 DESCRIBING AS AMERICAN WITH KOREAN HERITAGE. THE U.S. CONGRESS
19 RECOGNIZED THE HARD WORK OF OUR FOREFATHERS IN AMERICA BY
20 ESTABLISHING KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY IN 2005. NOW WE CAN CHERISH
21 THE HISTORY FOR MANY GENERATIONS ON JANUARY 13TH. FURTHERMORE,
22 THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO RECOGNIZE GLOBALLY WORKING
23 KOREANS WITH PASSING OF THE RESOLUTION FOR WORLD KOREAN DAY IN
24 2007 FOR DEMONSTRATING _____ OF OUR HERITAGE. I'M PLEASED TO
25 EXTEND MY SINCERE APPRECIATION TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,



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1 A VITAL FIGURE OF MODERN ERA. AS WE REMEMBER HIM ON HIS
2 UPCOMING BIRTHDAY ON MONDAY THE 17TH, WE'LL HAVE THE
3 RECOLLECTION OF THE MOMENT-- MOVEMENTS AND MARCHES HE HAVE LED
4 THAT BROUGHT SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE FABRIC OF AMERICAN
5 LIFE. HE SAID, "I HAVE A DREAM TODAY." WITHOUT DR. KING'S
6 DREAM, WE IMMIGRANTS MIGHT NOT HAVE THE LIBERATION THAT WE
7 TAKE FOR GRANTED, SO LET US BUILD ON HIS DREAM TOGETHER FOR
8 GREATER FUTURE. LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK
9 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR
10 THEIR SUPPORT OF KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY CELEBRATION. THANK YOU.
11 [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. THAT
14 CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS FOR TODAY.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES
19 AND GENTLEMEN. I HAVE A COUPLE OF SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO
20 MAKE TODAY, AND BOTH OF THEM SORT OF SAD, BUT FIRST OF ALL,
21 I'M GOING TO CALL DON ASHTON UP HERE. DON. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** DON'S GOING TO BE LEAVING THE BOARD'S EXECUTIVE
24 OFFICE AFTER 17 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE. HE HAS TAKEN A
25 NEW POSITION IN ELDORADO COUNTY. I WAS ORIGINALLY GOING TO SAY



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1 HE'S LEAVING BECAUSE OF SEX, BUT-- HE'S GETTING MARRIED. I
2 HAVE TO EXPLAIN THAT. OKAY? AND SO HE'S GOING NORTH. SO WE
3 THOUGHT-- IS HIS FACE RED? I KNEW IT WOULD BE. [LAUGHTER.]

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** WE GOT HIM, GOT HIM GOOD. THAT'LL TEACH HIM TO
6 LEAVE. ANYWAY, DON BEGAN HIS COUNTY CAREER IN 1993 AND WORKED-
7 - HAS WORKED IN NUMEROUS DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS THE SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, INTERNAL
9 SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FINALLY IN 2006, HE CAME TO THE EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICE OF THE BOARD WHERE HIS TENACITY AND DRIVE TO ACCOMPLISH
11 ANY PROJECT GIVEN TO HIM ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD WILL CERTAINLY
12 BE-- HE JUST HAS DONE A MARVELOUS JOB ON ALL OF OUR BEHALF AND
13 WE REALLY WISH HIM WELL. IT'S GOING TO BE A BIG LOSS TO THE
14 EXECUTIVE OFFICE, BUT ALSO TO THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE, SO, DON,
15 ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, YOUR FELLOW WORKERS AND
16 ALL THE COUNTY FAMILY HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE WISH YOU
17 BEST IN YOUR MARRIAGE, WE WISH YOU BEST IN YOUR NEW JOB AT
18 ELDORADO COUNTY. I WAS TELLING HIM, HE'S BEEN UP THERE AT
19 ELDORADO COUNTY, THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION AT ELDORADO COUNTY
20 IS RIGHT ON THE MAIN HIGHWAY. I DROVE BY IT AND IT'S ABOUT AS
21 BIG AS FROM THIS WALL TO THE T.V., AND SO DON HE'S MOVING, I
22 WANT TO SAY ON TO BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS, BUT I'M SURE IT'S
23 BEAUTIFUL UP THERE AND I'M SURE IT'S BETTER, BUT IT'S A HECK
24 OF A LOT SMALLER, SO, DON, WE WISH YOU THE VERY, VERY BEST.
25 GOD SPEED. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** DON-- I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN TRIBUTE TO DON. WELL,
3 FIRST OF ALL, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. AS CHAIR, YOU REALLY
4 NEED FOLKS LIKE SACHI AND DON UP THERE, BUT TO HELP YOU ALL
5 THE TIME, I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU, YOU WERE TERRIFIC, YOU WERE
6 WONDERFUL TO WORK WITH, MADE EVERYTHING SO MUCH MORE EFFICIENT
7 AND EFFECTIVE, AND I'M SURE SACHI IS GOING TO MISS YOU
8 TREMENDOUSLY BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN A REALLY STRONG RIGHT ARM AND
9 HAND FOR HER IN EVERY SINGLE WAY. WE JUST WISH YOU THE BEST.
10 IT'S REALLY A SHAME THAT YOU'RE GOING. ALL OF A SUDDEN, YOU'RE
11 UP AND GONE. WE HARDLY HEARD ABOUT IT, BUT I THINK I'VE PASSED
12 THROUGH ELDORADO COUNTY, BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN TO THEIR CIVIC
13 CENTER AT ALL, BUT HOPEFULLY IT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU WILL
14 ENJOY, BUT CERTAINLY COME BY AND VISIT, AND I WISH YOU WELL IN
15 YOUR ONGOING CAREER. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [CHEERS AND
16 APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. MAYBE JUST TO CLARIFY A LITTLE
19 BIT, DON ACTUALLY GOT MARRIED LAST FRIDAY. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** JUST TO EXEMPLARY THE TYPE OF DEDICATED
24 COUNTY WORKER THAT HE HAS BEEN OVER THE YEARS, HE DIDN'T EVEN
25 ASK FOR ANY TIME OFF AFTER HIS MARRIAGE FOR A HONEYMOON OR



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1 ANYTHING. HE WANTED TO COME BACK TO THE COUNTY AND FINISH UP
2 WORK UNTIL HIS TRANSITION TO ELDORADO COUNTY AND SO, YOU KNOW,
3 I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO SAY. HE'S BEEN WONDERFUL. I'VE
4 WORKED WITH HIM FOR ABOUT 12 YEARS. YOU CAN TASK HIM WITH ANY
5 JOB, ANY ASSIGNMENT, HE WOULD PUT HIS HEART AND SOUL IN IT AND
6 MAKE SURE THAT IT HAPPENS, SO WE WISH YOU THE BEST. AND
7 THERE'S A NUMBER OF EXECUTIVE OFFICE EMPLOYEES AND OTHER STAFF
8 COMMISSIONS THAT ARE HERE ALSO TO WISH YOU WELL, SO GOOD LUCK.
9 [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME SO THANK DON FOR A JOB WELL
12 DONE. WE'VE APPRECIATED HIS ORGANIZING ABILITIES AND SKILLS
13 AND KEEPING EVERYTHING FLOWING AT OUR BOARD MEETINGS AND IN
14 ALL OF OUR SESSIONS, SO WE WISH YOU WELL. SORRY YOU'RE
15 LEAVING, BUT GOOD LUCK AND HOPE TO SEE YOU WHEN WE VISIT
16 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MR. MAYOR, DON, BEFORE YOU SAY ANYTHING, REAL
19 QUICK COMMENT. I NORMALLY DON'T DO THIS, BUT FROM THE STAFF
20 LEVEL, THE WORK, THE SUPPORT THAT WE GET FROM THE EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICE, OF COURSE STARTING WITH SACHI, BUT EVERYONE IN THE
22 EXECUTIVE OFFICE IS TRULY EXCEPTIONAL, BUT TO YOU, DON, YOU'VE
23 BEEN WONDERFUL. PEOPLE OFTEN DON'T SEE FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE
24 WHAT HAPPENS AND HOW THE WORK FLOWS AND THE EFFICIENCY THAT
25 RESULTS OF NOT ONLY SACHI AND YOURSELF, BUT EVERYONE, ALL YOUR



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1 PEERS IN THE OFFICE, BUT YOU EXEMPLIFY WHAT THE EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICE IS ABOUT. WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU TERRIBLY AT THE STAFF
3 LEEVEL, SO FROM US, AND SPEAKING FOR THE STAFF AND THE COUNTY
4 OF LOS ANGELES, GOD SPEED, GOOD LUCK AND WE'LL MISS YOU
5 TERRIBLY.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ALSO HAVE THE REINSTATEMENT RULE, SO...
8 [LAUGHTER.]

9

10 **DON ASHTON:** THANK YOU, EVERYONE. WOW, THIS IS REALLY NICE. I
11 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND
12 ALL THE BOARD OFFICES, YOUR STAFF HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL. WHEN I
13 GOT TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE 4-1/2 YEARS AGO, IT WAS A LITTLE
14 INTIMIDATING AT FIRST, BUT YOUR STAFFS HAVE BEEN AMAZING AND
15 EASY TO WORK WITH. COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE AND C.E.O.'S
16 OFFICE, I SAID ONE OF MY BIGGEST CHALLENGES WHEN I GO UP THERE
17 IS TO BUILD THE RELATIONSHIPS I'VE HAD HERE, BECAUSE WITHOUT
18 THAT, YOU JUST CAN'T BE SUCCESSFUL. THANKS TO THE STAFF IN THE
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICE. YOU'VE BEEN GREAT. AND THEN LASTLY TO SACHI,
20 I DON'T KNOW IF WORDS CAN EVER SAY HOW MUCH I OWE YOU AND
21 APPRECIATE YOU. TWELVE YEARS AGO, YOU GAVE ME-- STARTED GIVING
22 ME OPPORTUNITIES AND IT HASN'T STOPPED. I HONESTLY BELIEVE I
23 WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY WITHOUT IT. YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR
24 VISION, IN MY OPINION, CANNOT BE MATCHED ANYWHERE, SO THANK
25 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** DON, YOU CAN STOP ALONG THE WAY TO ELDORADO COUNTY
3 FOR A HONEYMOON. PRETTY IMPRESSIVE. YOUR WIFE HAPPY ABOUT THE
4 FACT YOU DIDN'T TAKE A... NO, ANYWAY... [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST. YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT
7 PUBLIC SERVANT. NEXT IS A GENTLEMAN WHO I CONSIDER A VERY,
8 VERY GOOD FRIEND AND ANOTHER GENTLEMAN WE'RE GOING TO MISS
9 AROUND HERE, AND THAT'S JOHN DONNER. JOHN IS RETIRING FROM HIS
10 JOB AT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR AT&T HERE IN THE LOS ANGELES
11 OFFICE. SOME OF US HAVE KNOWN US FROM THE PAC-BELL DAYS AND
12 THEN OVER TO AT&T, BUT JOHN JOINED THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND
13 TELEGRAPH COMPANY IN SAN DIEGO AS A MEETING RELATIONS
14 REPRESENTATIVE AND A 31-YEAR VETERAN OF THE COMMUNICATIONS
15 COMPANY. PRIOR TO JOINING THE PHONE COMPANY, HE WAS A REPORTER
16 FOR THE SAN DIEGO TIMES. INTERESTING START, A REPORTER, HUH?
17 YES. HE'S UNSELFISH WHEN GIVING OF HIS TIME. WE HAVE A LOT OF
18 RELATIONSHIPS WITH A LOT OF THE LARGER CORPORATIONS HERE IN
19 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND SOME FOLKS GET INVOLVED AND SOME FOLKS
20 JUST SORT OF CHECK IN AND OUT, BUT JOHN HAS BEEN VERY, VERY
21 INVOLVED. HE HAS SERVED AS CHAIR OF OUR LOS ANGELES PUBLIC
22 LIBRARY FOUNDATION, OUR COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION, VICE
23 PRESIDENT OF 2-1-1 L.A. COUNTY. HE'S A BOARD MEMBER OF THE
24 EDUCATION FUND, BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN
25 VOTERS. HE'S PART OF THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, PROJECT



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1 RESTORE FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, A MEMBER OF THE LOS
2 ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AS WELL AS A
3 MEMBER OF THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION. HE'S
4 JUST DONE A LOT. ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY HE'S REPRESENTED,
5 HE'S BEEN A CLASS ACT, AS I SAID UPSTAIRS, ONE THAT MAKES SURE
6 WE GOT NO SURPRISES HERE, AND THAT WE WERE AWARE OF WHAT'S
7 GOING ON, BUT ALSO THE GIVE-BACK PIECE. HE EPITOMIZES WHAT A
8 TRUE CORPORATE CITIZEN IS, ON BEHALF OF WHETHER IT WAS PAC-
9 BELL OR AT&T, JOHN WAS THAT FACE THAT SAID, "WE WANT TO GIVE
10 BACK, SO NOT ONLY DO WE APPRECIATE PAC BELL AND AT&T'S SUPPORT
11 OVER THE YEAR, BUT PEOPLE LIKE JOHN DONNER HAS MADE A WORLD OF
12 DIFFERENCE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AS I UNDERSTAND IT
13 FROM JOHN, HE'S NOT GOING TO TOTALLY RETIRE, AND HE IS GOING
14 TO GO TO WORK AND HELP OUT WITH THE WEINGART FOUNDATION, SO WE
15 WISH HIM THE VERY, VERY BEST TO JOHN AND HIS FAMILY AND THANK
16 HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE, NOT ONLY TO HIS COMPANY,
17 BUT TO ALL THE 10 MILLION CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. GOD
18 SPEED, BUDDY. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **JOHN DONNER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS A REAL HUMBLING
21 EXPERIENCE AFTER 31 YEARS AT AT&T, ESPECIALLY TO BE JOINED BY
22 SO MANY FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS WHO TOOK TIME OUT TODAY TO JOIN
23 ME. I AM RETIRING FROM AT&T BUT I AM GOING TO CONTINUE TO
24 WORK. THERE'S AN UNMET NEED IN THIS COUNTY AND THAT'S THE
25 HOMELESS ISSUE AND I'VE AGREED TO JOIN THE WEINGART CENTER TO



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1 HELP THEM ADDRESS THE HOMELESS, THIS ISSUE IN LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY, SO I'M GOING TO TAKE A FEW DAYS OFF AND THEN GO BACK
3 TO WORK ON TUESDAY, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** JOHN, IF YOU TAKE A FEW DAYS OFF, MAYBE YOU CAN
6 DRIVE JOHN ASHTON AND HIS WIFE AROUND ON THEIR HONEYMOON, TIE
7 IT ALL IN TOGETHER, ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY. THAT'S MY
8 PRESENTATIONS, MR. MAYOR.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE IN THE ADJOURNMENTS
11 OF THOSE THAT I MENTIONED THAT WERE KILLED IN THE TRAGIC
12 ARIZONA SHOOTING, ALONG WITH-- AND THAT WOULD BE WITH ALL
13 MEMBERS. ALSO WALTER CERECEDA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86,
14 WAS A LIEUTENANT WITH THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HIS
15 LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS WITH THE SYBIL BRAND INSTITUTE. JOHN
16 CORBETT, ALSO 82, RETIRED SERGEANT WITH THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT. ROBERT HONNICUTT, RETIRED SERGEANT WITH THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. HIS LAST
19 ASSIGNMENT WAS THE ALTADENA STATION. DOUGLAS EULSTON, PASSED
20 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 17, HE WAS A SENIOR AT OXFORD ACADEMY. HE
21 IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOM AND DAD. STEPHEN USELTON, PASSED AWAY
22 AT THE AGE OF 44 WITH HIS SON, DOUGLAS, IN THAT TRAGIC
23 ACCIDENT. STEVE WAS AN EMPLOYEE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 RESOURCE, RECYCLING AND RECOVERY, NOW RECYCLE. SERVED AS THE
25 BRANCH MANAGER OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF LOCAL



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1 ASSISTANCE AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
2 WIFE, DESIREE AND THEIR DAUGHTER, ERIN. MARTY YACOOBIAN, SR.
3 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. MARTY WAS A GOOD FRIEND, BEEN
4 SUPPORTIVE, QUITE INVOLVED IN THE COUNTY, QUITE INVOLVED WITH
5 THE SHRINE. LIVED IN THE VALLEY BUT HAD A GREAT WORK ETHIC AND
6 HE LEAVES A GREAT LEGACY, AND LEAVES HIS WIFE BERTHA AND THEIR
7 SON, MARTY JUNIOR. KARL MICOZICOVICH PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
8 92. HE IMMIGRATED TO THE STATES. HE AND HIS WIFE RAISED THEIR
9 CHILDREN IN THE SAN FERNANDO, WHERE HE LIVED FOR 59 YEARS,
10 RETIRING FROM LOCKHEED BACK IN 1983. AND A VERY GOOD FRIEND, A
11 GREAT SPIRITUAL LEADER, WELL RESPECTED, BISHOP JOHN WARD
12 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE HAD SERVED THE LOCAL
13 ARCHDIOCESE FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS AND HE WAS ONE OF THE THREE
14 SURVIVING AMERICAN BISHOPS WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE
15 GROUNDBREAKING OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL IN 1960S. HE IS
16 SURVIVED BY HIS NEPHEWS, PATRICK WARD AND DENNIS WARD AND HE
17 HAS TWO NIECES, MARIE SIMMONS AND JANET WARD. BISHOP WARD WAS
18 A WONDERFUL MAN, GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR IN THE TRADITION OF
19 MONSIGNOR IGNATIUS CONNOLLY AND THE LATE MONSIGNOR AUGUST
20 REDDY. A WONDERFUL MAN. SO, SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS, WITHOUT
21 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. BILL, LET ME ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ON
22 THE BUDGET THAT WAS JUST RELEASED. I HAD HOPED THAT GOVERNOR
23 BROWN WOULD HAVE DONE A "NIXON GOES TO CHINA" IN DEALING WITH
24 THE STATE DEFICIT AND INSTITUTE STRUCTURAL REFORMS. HOWEVER,
25 HE APPEARS TO BE RELYING UPON AN OLD SYSTEM OF REALIGNMENT



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1 WHICH ENDS UP SHIFTING COSTS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHOUT
2 ANY REALLY MEANINGFUL REFORMS, CONTINUING TAX RATE AS WE HAVE.
3 THE FISCAL CRISIS IS SHIFTING STATE MANDATES OF LOCAL
4 GOVERNMENTS. TRUE ALIGNMENT WOULD BE USING THE PROPERTY TAXES
5 FOR PROPERTY-RELATED SERVICES. HOWEVER, JUST SHIFTING THE
6 STATE AND FEDERAL MANDATES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CALLING IT
7 REALIGNMENT IS A TROJAN HORSE. ALL NONPROPERTY-RELATED
8 SERVICES OUGHT TO BE FUNDED BY THE STATE. ANY OTHER SCHEME IS
9 A RECIPE FOR CONTINUED FINANCIAL CHAOS AND THE SHIFTING THESE
10 TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITHOUT ENDING MANDATES ONCE THE STATE AND
11 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING STOPS IS NOT ANY REAL TRUE REFORM.
12 SAVINGS FROM THE CONSOLIDATIONS WHICH SAVE A GREAT DEAL, BUT
13 GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER DID I THOUGHT A VERY-- A COUPLE MAJOR
14 DECISIONS DEALING IN PUBLIC SAFETY AND ALSO IN HIS APPOINTING
15 HIS FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF'S SPOUSE TO TWO STATE COMMISSIONS
16 FOR A TOTAL COST OF NEARLY \$200,000 WHEN THOSE-- ONE OF THOSE
17 POSITIONS WAS RECOMMENDED TO BE ABOLISHED TO SAVE THE STATE
18 APPROXIMATELY A FEW MILLION DOLLARS, AND THAT WAS THE
19 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH APPEALS BOARD MEDICAL
20 ASSISTANCE COMMISSION, OR THE TWO COMMISSIONS HE HAD APPOINTED
21 THE INDIVIDUAL TO. BUT SPENDING BASED ON AVAILABLE DOLLARS AND
22 NOT BORROWING IS VITAL TO OUR BALANCED BUDGET. TO ADDRESS THE
23 BUDGET, CALIFORNIA AND THE GOVERNOR SHOULD IMPLEMENT THE 32-
24 BILLION-DOLLAR COST SAVING MEASURES OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS,
25 AS HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED IN A STUDY, A 2,500-PAGE CALIFORNIA



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1 PERFORMANCE REVIEW THAT WAS DONE BY PEOPLE WITHIN THE STATE
2 THAT INDICATED THAT WE COULD SAVE UP TO \$32 BILLION IN FIVE
3 YEARS. AND THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT CONSOLIDATING THE MEDICAL
4 ASSISTANCE COMMISSION WITH ITS 2.3-BILLION-DOLLAR BUDGET TO
5 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; STREAMLINING
6 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ELIGIBILITY SAVES \$4 BILLION;
7 CREATING A WORKFORCE PLAN FOR PERFORMANCE MEASURES WOULD SAVE
8 ANOTHER \$3.3 BILLION; IMPLEMENTING BIENNIAL D.M.V. VEHICLE
9 REGISTRATION WOULD SAVE \$1.3 BILLION; STANDARDIZING CRIMINAL
10 BACKGROUND CHECKS AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND USING
11 SMART CARDS FOR MEDI-CAL PATIENTS WOULD SAVE \$100 MILLION OVER
12 FIVE YEARS; CONSOLIDATING MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL AND DRUG
13 PROGRAM CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS SAVES \$75 MILLION; DEVELOPING
14 STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT STRATEGIES SAVES \$850 MILLION A YEAR,
15 AND ALL OF THESE SEEM TO BE PUT IN THE BACKGROUND FOR A
16 PROPOSAL THAT'S PREDICATED UPON CONTINUING TAX RATES AT THE
17 EXISTING LEVEL IN A SPECIAL ELECTION THAT COSTS OUR COUNTY
18 DIRECTLY \$12 MILLION AND THEN SHIFTING THE SUPPORT OF STATE
19 PROGRAMS TO THE COUNTY WITHOUT ANY GUARANTEE THAT THOSE
20 REVENUES THAT HE IS GOING TO REPLACE THEM WITH WILL BE ABLE TO
21 MEET THE EXPANSION OF THOSE PROGRAMS. SENDING PLEA BARGAIN
22 OFFENDERS TO OUR ALREADY OVERCROWDED JAILS IS ONE WAY OF
23 REDUCING STATE SPENDING BUT INCREASING LOCAL FUNDING WHEN YOU
24 CONSIDER WE DON'T HAVE THE JAIL SPACE FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS
25 AND IT DOES NOT PRECLUDE SERIOUS OFFENDERS FROM HAVING THEIR



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1 CONVICTION PLEA BARGAINED DOWN TO A LESSER OFFENSE, YET THESE
2 INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE COMING TO OUR LOCAL JAILS, SECOND OUR
3 C.Y.A., CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY YOUTH TO OUR PROBATION
4 CAMPS. OUR CAMPS ARE NOT MADE FOR THE HARD CORE FELON
5 PROBATIONERS, AND YET WE'D BE HAVING THAT TYPE OF
6 RESPONSIBILITY. TAKING THE COST OF SECURITY FOR THE COURTS,
7 THE STATE TOOK AWAY THE COURTS A FEW YEARS AGO AND TOOK
8 FUNDING FROM THOSE COURTS FOR THEIR FINANCING AS THE OPERATION
9 OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND NOW THEY WANT TO SHIFT THE SECURITY
10 BACK TO HAVING OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PROVIDING THAT
11 SECURITY AND THE LOCALS ASSUMING THOSE COSTS. AGAIN, THIS IS A
12 VERY DISAPPOINTING BUDGET IN HAVING TO MEET THE NEEDS AND THE
13 RESPONSIBILITIES THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS AND THE
14 RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THE STATE HAS. ONE OF THE INTERESTING--
15 THERE ARE TWO ADS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT OUT BY LAS VEGAS. ONE WAS
16 KISS YOUR ASSETS GOOD-BYE, AND THIS HAS BEEN ON TELEVISION AND
17 ADVERTISED IN MANY OF OUR LOCAL PAPERS. LAS VEGAS LOVES YOU,
18 NO CORPORATE INCOME TAX, NO PERSONAL INCOME TAX, NO INVENTORY
19 TAX, LOWER WORKERS' COMP, PRO BUSINESS ATTITUDE, WHEN YOU'RE
20 READY TO KISS CALIFORNIA GOOD-BYE, START MAKING A PROFIT AGAIN
21 AND GIVE US A CALL. THE OTHER ONE WAS, CALIFORNIA WILL BE MORE
22 BUSINESS FRIENDLY WHEN PIGS FLY. AND AGAIN, THEY REPEAT THAT
23 SAME LIST OF FEES THAT WE HAVE VERSUS WHAT NEVADA HAS AND THIS
24 IS PUT OUT BY NEVADA TO ENCOURAGE BUSINESSES TO RELOCATE. WE
25 KNOW THAT A NUMBER OF THESE BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN RELOCATING TO



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1 NOT ONLY-- FROM CALIFORNIA TO NEVADA BUT ALSO TO TEXAS, TO
2 ARIZONA, TO IDAHO, TO VIRGINIA, TO MARYLAND AND AS A RESULT,
3 WE ARE LEFT WITH A HOLE IN OUR BUDGET. SO ANYWAY, I WOULD--
4 PERHAPS MR. FUJIOKA, YOU COULD ANSWER, RELATIVE TO THE BUDGET
5 THAT'S PROPOSED TO US, HOW DOES THE BUDGET ADDRESS THE \$8.2
6 BILLION DEFICIT IN THE CURRENT YEAR AND THE 17.2 BILLION FOR
7 THE NEXT YEAR AND HOW MANY OF THOSE SOLUTIONS ARE ONE-TIME AND
8 HOW MANY ARE ONGOING?

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OKAY. IF I CAN JUST GIVE-- I'LL ANSWER THAT
11 QUESTION, OF COURSE, BUT IN DOING SO, I'D LIKE TO GIVE AN
12 OVERVIEW OF WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE STATE LEVEL. THE GOVERNOR
13 IS PROPOSING A NUMBER OF ACTIONS TO ADDRESS A TOTAL DEFICIT OF
14 25.4 BILLION DOLLARS, AS YOU STATED, 8.2 BILLION THIS YEAR AND
15 17.2 BILLION NEXT YEAR. TO DO SO, HE'S RECOMMENDED 12.2
16 BILLION IN SPENDING REDUCTIONS AND THEN \$12 BILLION IN REVENUE
17 EXTENSIONS AND THEN SOME OTHER SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE TOTAL
18 OF 25.4. AS YOU MENTION, A KEY FACTOR IN HIS PROPOSED BUDGET
19 IS THE REALIGNMENT OF SERVICES. OUR PRINCIPAL CONCERN IS NOT
20 JUST THE REALIGNMENT OF SERVICES BECAUSE THAT IN ITSELF MAY
21 NOT BE A BAD THING, BUT IF IT GIVES US MORE LOCAL CONTROL, BUT
22 WHAT IS OF SERIOUS CONCERN WAS HIGHLIGHTED IN SOMETHING THAT
23 SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND YAROSLAVSKY ADDRESSED IN A RECENT
24 EDITORIAL, IS WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO
25 MAINTAIN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICES THAT WOULD BE SENT FROM



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1 THE STATE. LET ME HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THEM. FOR EXAMPLE,
2 THERE'S-- IN THE BUDGET, THERE'S A REDUCTION, A TOTAL OF \$1.5
3 BILLION REDUCTION IN THE CALWORKS PROGRAM. OF THAT TOTAL,
4 THERE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 450 MILLION COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
5 WHICH REPRESENTS A LOSS OF BENEFITS TO 37,000 FAMILIES. NOW,
6 THAT'S AN IMPACT TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS, BUT WHAT IS THE
7 SECONDARY IMPACT AND THAT IS A PERCENTAGE OF THOSE FAMILIES
8 WILL MOVE INTO G.R., AND THE G.R. COMES STRAIGHT FROM OUR NET
9 COUNTY DOLLARS. THAT IS NOT ADDRESSED IN THE BUDGET. THE MEDI-
10 CAL PROGRAM HAS A 1.7-BILLION-DOLLAR REDUCTION. WITHOUT
11 GETTING INTO DETAIL, THERE'S A POTENTIAL LOSS OF \$20 MILLION
12 TO OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. EVERYONE KNOWS WE HAVE A
13 NEW 1115 WAIVER WHICH WILL REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT RESTRUCTURING
14 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THAT DOLLAR AMOUNT,
15 COUPLED WITH THE ALREADY EXISTING DEFICIT, IS GOING TO CREATE
16 SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN OUR PROVISION OF HEALTHCARE HERE IN
17 L.A. COUNTY. THE REALIGNMENT PROPOSAL IS PREDICATED ON THE
18 EXTENSION OF TAXES AND FEES, WHICH WILL REQUIRE NOT ONLY A
19 VOTE OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE, TWO-THIRDS VOTE, BUT ALSO A
20 VOTE OF THE PUBLIC. THE STATE, WE'RE ALREADY HEARING FROM
21 MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE THAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO
22 SUPPORT THESE EXTENSIONS AND THESE FEES, SO IF THESE SERVICES
23 COME TO US WITHOUT THE NECESSARY REVENUE, IT PUTS A BURDEN ON
24 OUR ALREADY, I WOULD SAY TAXED, NO PUN INTENDED, BUT ALREADY
25 SEVERELY CHALLENGED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. WHAT NEEDS TO BE



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1 RECOGNIZED THAT OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, THE STATE BUDGET
2 ACTIONS HAVE IMPACTED COUNTY PROGRAMS BY OVER A BILLION
3 DOLLARS ALREADY, SO THIS WILL ADD TO IT. IN LOOKING AT SOME OF
4 THE REALIGNMENT PROPOSALS, ESPECIALLY WITH PUBLIC SAFETY AND
5 THOSE THE MAYOR HAS ALREADY IDENTIFIED, BUT LET ME LOOK AT A
6 COUPLE: BY TRANSFERRING LOW LEVEL OFFENDERS AND PAROLE
7 VIOLATORS FROM STATE TO COUNTIES, BASED ON A VERY CONSERVATIVE
8 ESTIMATE OF 25 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL STATEWIDE IMPACT, 13,550
9 FELONS WOULD SERVE THEIR SENTENCES IN L.A. COUNTY JAIL. OUR
10 JAILS ARE OLD. WE HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES WITH THE JAILS.
11 WE DON'T HAVE THE STAFF, WE DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES, AND I GO
12 BACK TO WHAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND YAROSLAVSKY SAID, IF YOU
13 MOVE IT, MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE FUNDING AND RESOURCES TO HANDLE
14 THIS REALIGNMENT. THE ADULT PAROLE SUPERVISION IS VERY
15 TROUBLESOME BECAUSE BASED ON, AGAIN, A VERY CONSERVATIVE
16 ESTIMATE. IF WE WERE TO RESUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR 30,000,
17 APPROXIMATELY 30,000 STATE PAROLEES. WE'VE TALKED TO OUR
18 PROBATION DEPARTMENT. AT MINIMUM, THEY'LL NEED AN ADDITIONAL
19 725 STAFF AT A COST OF 82 MILLION. THAT COST DOES NOT INCLUDE
20 SPACE, FIXED ASSETS, EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING, SO THAT COST WILL
21 GO UP SIGNIFICANTLY. YOU MENTIONED, MR. MAYOR, THE JUVENILE
22 JUSTICE PROGRAM, AND MOVING C.Y.A., BUT AGAIN, THE COST MAY
23 COME FROM TAKING CARE OF THOSE YOUNG OFFENDERS BUT I DOUBT IF
24 IT'S GOING TO ADDRESS THE FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS
25 FOR THAT PARTICULAR PROGRAM. COURT SECURITY. WE PROVIDE THAT



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1 SECURITY THROUGH OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BUT MY CONCERN IS
2 FOR EVERY SINGLE PROGRAM WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, WE'LL PROBABLY
3 RECEIVE WHAT'S CONSIDERED THE APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE
4 EXISTING LEVEL OF SERVICES, BUT IT WON'T PROVIDE-- THERE WON'T
5 BE MONEY FOR ANY ADDITIONAL OR INCREASED LEVEL OF SERVICES.
6 WHAT HAPPENED RECENTLY, THE TRAGEDY IN ARIZONA, MAY RESULT IN
7 REQUESTS, THAT I THINK IS HIGHLY PROBABLE, IT'S GOING TO
8 RESULT IN HIGHER LEVEL OF SECURITY FOR OUR NOT ONLY OUR
9 ELECTED OFFICIALS, BUT ALSO THE JUDGES AND THE COURTS. LET ME
10 GO ON AND JUST HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE. THERE'S 184-MILLION-DOLLAR
11 TRANSFER OF FUNDING-- OH, LET ME BACK UP A LITTLE BIT TO THE
12 STATE PAROLEES. THE DOLLAR I GAVE YOU, THE 82 MILLION, DOES
13 NOT INCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE FUNDING WE WILL
14 NEED TO HELP THAT POPULATION. GOING BACK TO PUBLIC HEALTH, THE
15 TRANSFER OF FUNDING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG
16 PROGRAM, IT WILL BE-- THERE WILL BE AT LEAST A 46-MILLION-
17 DOLLAR IMPACT ON OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. I MENTIONED THE
18 BALLOT INITIATIVE, AND THE MAYOR'S RIGHT. IT'S EXTENDING THE
19 TAXES AND FEES IS NOT A GIVEN, IS NOT AN AUTOMATIC. THAT'S
20 GOING TO BE A VERY DIFFICULT I THINK REQUEST TO GET TO THE
21 STATE LEGISLATURE AND ALSO THROUGH THE ELECTORATE. IF THEY
22 DON'T HAPPEN, IF THEY DON'T HAPPEN, ONE, WE HAVE THE
23 REALIGNMENT ISSUE, BUT EQUALLY IMPORTANT IS WE DON'T EXTEND
24 THE V.L.F. FEE, THE INCREASE. WE CURRENTLY RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT
25 FUNDS THROUGH THAT REVENUE SOURCE TO SUPPORT OUR EXISTING



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1 PROBATION PROGRAMS. IF IT DOESN'T HAPPEN, THEN FORGET
2 REALIGNMENT, WE'LL STILL BE FORCED TO LOOK AT CLOSING A NUMBER
3 OF PROBATION CAMPS AS A RESULT OF THAT FEE NOT BEING EXTENDED.
4 WE ALL KNOW ABOUT THE REDEVELOPMENT ISSUE, I WON'T GO INTO A
5 LOT OF DETAIL, BUT WHAT WE HAVE, AND THE CONCERNS WE HAVE THAT
6 THE FUNDING THAT THE PROPOSED GOVERNMENT-- GOVERNORS-- THE
7 GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET SPEAKS TO ARE FOR A FIVE-YEAR
8 PERIOD. WE HAVE SOME PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE-- WILL HAVE A ONE-
9 TIME HIT, BUT THE VAST MAJORITY WILL HAVE ONGOING-- WILL
10 REQUIRE ONGOING RESOURCES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SO IF
11 THE FUNDING DOESN'T COME, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND THE
12 RESOURCES WITHIN OUR EXISTING BUDGET, AND AS THIS BOARD KNOWS,
13 WE'VE ALREADY HAD THREE YEARS OF DEFICIT BUDGETING. WE'RE
14 FACED WITH A POTENTIAL DEFICIT FOR NEXT YEAR THAT WE WILL
15 ADDRESS, BECAUSE WE'VE DONE SO IN A VERY RESPONSIBLE WAY THE
16 LAST THREE YEARS, BUT THE MAIN CONCERN WE HAVE IS WHETHER OR
17 NOT THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE SHIFT OF
18 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. YOUR IDEA OF WORKING WITH THE STATE TO
19 COME UP WITH TRUE REFORM AND SOME TRUE RESTRUCTURING IS
20 SOMETHING WE WANT TO EMBRACE AND IT'S OUR INTENT, IT'S MY
21 OFFICE'S INTENT TO START WORKING WITH OTHER LARGE COUNTIES TO
22 ACHIEVE THAT GOAL. DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, ONE OF THE GIMMICKS WHEN HE
25 TALKS ABOUT A 10 PERCENT SALARY CUT, THAT DOES NOT APPLY TO



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1 EVERY STATE WORKER. IT OUGHT TO BE ALL OR NONE. TO START
2 PITTING EMPLOYEE AGAINST EMPLOYEE IS IRRESPONSIBLE, AND MAKING
3 IT SOUND LIKE A 10 PERCENT CUT IS CUTTING EVERYONE, IT'S JUST
4 A FEW PEOPLE THAT ARE BEING CUT, AND THERE'S NO LEADERSHIP IN
5 ADDRESSING THE FACT THAT PERSONNEL TAKES APPROXIMATELY 70, 80
6 PERCENT OF THE BUDGET, SO YOU NEED TO DETERMINE HOW TO REFORM
7 THROUGH ENHANCED PRODUCTIVITY AND AS WE ARE DOING NOW. FOR
8 EXAMPLE, GOING AFTER THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN OUT OF
9 WORK FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME, FINDING OUT THAT MANY OF
10 THEM ARE UNABLE TO RETURN TO WORK OR BE RETIRED OUT INSTEAD OF
11 STAYING ON AND RECEIVING THOSE BENEFITS. THEN THE ISSUE OF
12 PROPOSITION 13, PROPERTY TAX REVENUES, HAVE INCREASED FROM
13 \$6.4 BILLION IN 1981 TO \$46 BILLION IN 2008. THAT'S A 600
14 PERCENT INCREASE, FAR HIGHER THAN THE COMBINED RATE OF
15 POPULATION AND INFLATION GROWTH OVER THAT SAME PERIOD. SO
16 THERE ARE DOLLARS THAT ARE BEING GENERATED BUT THEY'RE NOT
17 BEING ALLOCATED TO APPROPRIATE AREAS. AND THEN TO GET RID OF
18 THEIR IRRESPONSIBILITIES BY SHIFTING IT TO THE CITIES AND
19 COUNTIES WITHOUT ANY STABLE SOURCE OF LONG-TERM FUNDING MAKES
20 NO SENSE AND THE PROPERTY TAXES UNABLE TO PAY FOR NON
21 PROPERTY-RELATED SERVICES. THAT'S WHAT FORCED SENIORS OUT OF
22 THEIR HOMES AND OTHERS IN THE PAST. BUT I WAS EXPECTING THE
23 GOVERNOR TO BE BOLD IN ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES INSTEAD OF
24 BASICALLY DOING WHAT ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER HAD DONE, AND HIS
25 BOLDNESS ENDED IN THE FIRST EIGHT WEEKS OF HIS ADMINISTRATION,



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1 AND WHEN WE FIND OTHER STATES BUCKLING DOWN, COMING TOGETHER,
2 MOVING FORWARD, WE'RE IN A SITUATION WHERE WE NEED TO CREATE
3 JOBS, WE NEED TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT TO BRING PEOPLE HERE TO
4 HAVE PEOPLE WORKING AND NOT CONTINUE TO HAVE THE COSTS GO UP
5 AND OUR POPULATION, THOSE IN BUSINESS LEAVING OUR STATE.
6 AGAIN, AND THE CRIME ISSUE, MAKES NO SENSE HOW YOU TAKE
7 PEOPLE-- THEY GO TO A STATE PENITENTIARY, YOU REALLY HAVE TO
8 DO SOMETHING MAJOR, AND THEN TO SHIFT INTO OUR LOCAL COUNTY
9 JAILS? AND THEN THE C.Y.A. CAMPS, THOSE ARE FOR YOUTH WHO
10 COMMIT MAJOR, MAJOR CRIMES, NOT SOME INDIVIDUAL THAT HAD A
11 SMALL INFRACTION. AND THEN TO SHIFT THEM TO OUR COUNTY
12 PROBATION CAMPS? IT'S CRAZY. IT'S A LITTLE DISAPPOINTING. I
13 WOULD LIKE TO SEE MAYBE BRING OUR-- MONDAY AFTERNOON, HAVE
14 MEMBERS OF THE L.A. COUNTY DELEGATION COME AND WE COULD TALK
15 TO THEM TO EXPRESS SOME OF THESE CONCERNS. WE HAVE A MENTAL
16 HEALTH PROBLEM. THE STATE TOOK AWAY PROGRAM ASSEMBLY BILL 32,
17 TRANSFERRED A FEDERALLY MANDATED FOR PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH
18 TO K THROUGH 12 STUDENTS THROUGH THE COUNTIES, AND YET WHAT
19 HAPPENED IS THE COUNTY HAS ADDED \$11 MILLION IN GENERAL FUNDS
20 TO COVER THAT COST OF THAT PROGRAM, AND THAT'S AN EXAMPLE OF
21 HOW REALIGNMENT COULD COST THE COUNTY EXTRA MONEY IF IT'S NOT
22 ACCOMPANIED BY ADEQUATE STATE FUNDING. SO BY SHIFTING THE
23 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANDATES TO THE LOCALS AND THE SCHOOLS
24 DOESN'T RESOLVE THE ISSUE, AND MENTAL HEALTH, AS THE RECENT
25 TRAGEDY IN ARIZONA POINTS OUT, IS A KEY COMPONENT THAT WE NEED



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1 TO HAVE ENFORCED, AND THERE WE UNDERSTAND THE PERSON'S MENTAL
2 HEALTH RECORDS WERE NOT EVEN TRANSFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE
3 AGENCIES, AND HOW ARE WE GOING TO ASSUME THIS REQUIRED DRUG
4 AND ALCOHOL REHAB FOR THE STATE PENITENTIARY PRISONERS TO OUR
5 LOCAL JAILS WHEN WE CAN'T PROVIDE THOSE TYPES OF REHAB
6 PROGRAMS FOR OUR OWN.

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK YOUR IDEA OF GETTING THE L.A. COUNTY
9 DELEGATION TOGETHER IS A GREAT IDEA, TO HAVING THEM IN ONE
10 ROOM. ONE, WE WANT TO SEND THE SIGNAL TO SACRAMENTO THAT WE
11 WANT TO WORK WITH THEM. WE ALSO WANT TO SEND THE SAME SIGNAL
12 THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT, THE CONSEQUENCES FOR WHAT IS
13 CURRENTLY BEING PROPOSED AND WHERE POSSIBLE, THEY CAN LOOK AT
14 SOME REAL REFORM AND RESTRUCTURING TO ADDRESS SOME OF THESE
15 ISSUES. WHEN WE LOOKED AT THIS-- WHEN YOU HAD MENTIONED THAT
16 WE LOOKED AT A POTENTIAL MEETING ON FRIDAY, BUT I DID JUST
17 RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM ONE OF THE STATE SENATORS STATING THAT
18 THE PRO TEM HAS CALLED FOR A SPECIAL SENATE FLOOR SESSION ON
19 FRIDAY AT 9:00, WHICH WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR AT LEAST THE
20 SENATE TO COME. WHAT WE'D LIKE WE'D LIKE TO DO IS WORK WITH
21 YOUR OFFICE, AND ONCE WE GET CONCURRENCE FROM THE ENTIRE
22 BOARD, OF COURSE, TO CONTACT, WORK WITH THE OFFICES UP NORTH
23 AND FIND A DAY THEY CAN COME DOWN AND HAVE THAT MEETING, HAVE
24 A FACE-TO-FACE MEETING. WE NEED TO WORK IN TRUE COLLABORATION,
25 BUT WE ALSO NEED HELP FROM OUR L.A. COUNTY DELEGATION TO



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1 ADVOCATE FOR US, BUT THEY CAN ONLY DO SO IF THEY UNDERSTAND
2 THE TRUE IMPACT.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR
5 YAROSLAVSKY, A PROFOUND ARTICLE FRIDAY, SATURDAY

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7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** GREAT JOB, GREAT EDITORIAL.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** -- NEWSPAPER ON THIS WHOLE ISSUE, BUT
10 THERE SEEMS TO BE A DISCONNECT WITH THOSE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT
11 FACING THESE ISSUES AND THOSE IN SACRAMENTO WHO ARE ATTEMPTING
12 TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK WE'RE STARTING-- BEING WITH THE DELEGATION
15 IS STARTING BACK-- WHEN SUPERVISOR MOLINA WAS CHAIR, WE DID
16 THE 5-SIGNATURE LETTER REQUESTING, "LOOK, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
17 TO BE A PART OF THIS AND PART OF THE SOLUTION AND WE WANT TO
18 WORK TOGETHER." I REALLY THINK THAT WE NEED-- THE FIRST
19 MEETING SHOULD BE WITH THE GOVERNOR AND HIS BUDGET STAFF TO
20 SORT OF-- THEY'RE DRIVING THE BUDGET. THE LEGISLATURE IS GOING
21 TO BE REACTING TO THAT BUDGET. THEY'RE DRIVING THE BUDGET. I
22 THINK WE NEED TO GET IN ON THE FRONT END. I MEAN, THAT WAS MY
23 CONCERN ON THAT BIG MEETING THEY HAD IN SACRAMENTO AND THERE'S
24 NO ONE THERE FROM THE LARGEST COUNTY, STATE OR NATION. SO I
25 JUST THINK THAT WE NEED TO BE ON THE FRONT END OF THE BUDGET.



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1 THE LEGISLATURE, WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO? THEY'RE GOING TO
2 AGREE WITH US UNTIL THEY REALLY UNDERSTAND OR COMPREHEND. THEY
3 UNDERSTAND WHERE WE'RE COMING FROM AND WHAT OUR NEEDS ARE, BUT
4 THEY HAVE, UNTIL THEY GET THEIR ARMS AROUND, I THINK WE REALLY
5 NEED TO GO AT THE OTHER END TO THE GOVERNOR AND HIS BUDGET
6 PEOPLE WHO ARE DRIVING THIS BUDGET TO MEET WITH THEM AND FOR
7 THEM TO SORT OF UNDERSTAND. A LITTLE IRONIES I SEE LIKE PROP
8 63, YOU GO TO THE VOTERS TO FUND THESE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS AND
9 THEY TAKE THAT MONEY TO BALANCE THEIR BUDGET KINDS OF THINGS,
10 AND LEAVE US HANGING, BUT I REALLY THINK WE NEED TO BE AT THE
11 FRONT END AND NOT AT THE BACK END.

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** A COUPLE THINGS. ON THURSDAY, I'M TAKING A
14 GROUP OF DEPARTMENT HEADS, A DELEGATION TO MEET WITH ANA
15 MANTASANTOS, THE GOVERNOR'S FINANCE DIRECTOR TO TALK ABOUT THE
16 BUDGET AND TO PROVIDE OUR INPUT, BUT ALSO TO HELP HER
17 UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF ACTIONS, SO AT THE STAFF LEVEL, WE'RE
18 MEETING WITH HIS PRINCIPAL FINANCE STAFF.

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S IMPORTANT. THAT'S A GREAT START.

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22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT'S HAPPENING THURSDAY. I THINK THE IDEA OF
23 HAVING THE LEGISLATION DOWN, YES, THEY'RE GOING TO AGREE, BUT
24 THE CONCERN THAT WE HAVE AND I SHARE WITH THE MAYOR, IS
25 WHETHER OR NOT THEY TRULY UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT. ALL THEY SEE



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1 IN THIS PROPOSED BUDGET ARE NUMBERS. WE CAN HELP TRANSLATE
2 THOSE NUMBERS INTO PROGRAM IMPACT. WE CAN TELL THEM ABOUT THE
3 37,000 FAMILIES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, FAMILIES IN
4 EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEIR DISTRICTS WHO WILL LOSE THAT BENEFIT
5 IN CALWORKS AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY MOVE TO G.R. AND THE
6 CONSEQUENCE OF OTHER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. WE TALK ABOUT THE
7 30,000 PAROLEES THAT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR-- AND HOW THAT
8 WILL IMPACT ANY OTHER PROGRAM WE HAVE IN THE COUNTY. WE NEED
9 TO FEED THEM THAT INFORMATION, SO WHEN THEY HAVE THESE SPECIAL
10 SENATE SESSIONS OR ASSEMBLY MEETINGS, THEY CAN SPEAK WITH SOME
11 SIGNIFICANT DEGREE OF AUTHORITY AND BASED ON KNOWLEDGE, SO
12 HAVING THAT MEETING-- IN THE TIME I'VE BEEN HERE, EVEN MY
13 EIGHT YEARS DOWN THE STREET, I DON'T EVER RECALL GETTING THE
14 L.A. COUNTY DELEGATION IN ONE ROOM AND ASKING TO COME TOGETHER
15 AND TALK TO US SO WE CAN HAVE THAT KIND OF CONVERSATION AND
16 WORK IN UNISON WITH THEM.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** --FROM SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND FROM OUR C.E.O.
21 FIRST OF ALL, LET'S FACE IT, THE NUMBERS ARE THE NUMBERS,
22 THEY'RE REAL. IT'S A HUGE DEFICIT. THAT'S NOT GOING TO CHANGE
23 OVERNIGHT. SO YOU CAN'T SIT THERE AND JUST BE CRITICAL AND
24 SAY, "I DON'T LIKE THE WAY YOU SHOVED AROUND YOUR NUMBERS." IF
25 WE'RE GOING TO BE A WORKING PARTNER TOWARD A BUDGET SOLUTION,



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1 THEN WE'VE GOT TO PROVIDE NUMBERS AS WELL. THE CUTS HAVE TO
2 HAPPEN. THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, AND ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS
3 ARE THEIR BIGGEST EXPENSE. NOW THEY HAVE ATTACHED TO THEM--
4 WHILE THEY ARE NUMBERS, THEY HAVE ATTACHED TO THEM REAL
5 PEOPLE, REAL SERVICES, PRETTY PAINFUL CUTS, BUT IF WE SIT HERE
6 AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ALL WE DO IS SHOW THEM AND
7 DEMONSTRATE TO THEM THAT "HERE'S WHY YOU CAN'T DO IT," THEN I
8 DON'T THINK WE ARE A GOOD PARTNER. IF YOU LOOK AT THE WAY WE
9 DO OUR BUDGETING, WHEN WE NEED TO CUT, WE ASK THE DEPARTMENTS
10 AND ALL OF THEM, THE SHERIFF INCLUDED, TO BE A PARTNER WITH US
11 IN RECOGNIZING OUR FISCAL SITUATION, AND THAT NO DEPARTMENT IS
12 ABOVE ANY OTHER. WE ASK THEM ALL TO JOIN WITH US AND TO FIND
13 THOSE WAYS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE CERTAIN CUTS. L.A.
14 COUNTY HAS TO STAND UP AND DO THE SAME THING, JUST LIKE EVERY
15 SINGLE RESIDENT IN ALL OF CALIFORNIA HAS TO DO THE SAME THING.
16 WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, THESE INAPPROPRIATE ACTIONS FROM
17 PAST LEGISLATIVE LEADERS AS WELL AS GOVERNORS HAVE LED US TO
18 THIS CRISIS. WE KNOW THAT IS THE CASE. SO WHEN YOU HAVE
19 NUMBERS AS YOU HAVE TODAY, WHEN A 24 BILLION DEFICIT IS
20 BECOMING 25 BILLION AND TWO WEEKS LATER IS BECOMING 27.1
21 BILLION, THERE ARE REAL PROBLEMS GOING ON, AND SO IF WE'RE
22 GOING TO BE EFFECTIVE PARTNERS, I THINK WE NEED TO START
23 LOOKING AT EACH OF THESE NUMBERS AND FIGURING OUT EXACTLY HOW
24 WE'RE GOING TO ABSORB THE CUT, ABSORB THE CUT. THAT'S
25 DIFFERENT THAN JUST GOING AND TELLING THEM HOW 37,000 FAMILIES



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1 ARE GOING TO BE HURT. WE KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO BE HURT AND WE
2 KNOW THAT THE 221 DOLLARS IS NOT GOING TO ASSIST THEM THAT
3 MUCH BY COMPARISON TO WHAT THEY WERE GETTING OUT OF CALWORKS,
4 BUT HOW DO WE HELP THE GOVERNOR, HOW DO WE HELP OURSELVES AND
5 THE STATE GET OUT OF THE CRISIS BY TRYING TO FIGURE AN
6 ALTERNATIVE TO THAT CUT? HE STILL NEEDS THE SAVINGS, THE MONEY
7 STILL NEEDS TO BE THERE, YOU CAN'T JIMMY AROUND, AS I THINK
8 SCHWARZENEGGER DID, WITH A LOT OF MAGIC NUMBERS THAT WERE
9 CONSTANTLY GOING ON AND HOW THEY WERE, AS THEY SAY, KICKING
10 THE CAN FORWARD ON A REGULAR BASIS. IF WE'RE GOING TO BE TRUE
11 PARTNERS, LET'S OWN UP. L.A. COUNTY IS ONE-THIRD OF THE ENTIRE
12 STATE AND IF WE ARE ONE-THIRD, THEN WE'VE GOT TO COME UP WITH
13 ONE-THIRD OF THOSE CUTS. AND IF HE DECIDED THAT \$12 BILLION IS
14 WHAT HE NEEDS TO CUT, THEN I GUESS WE'VE GOT TO COME UP WITH
15 OUR FOUR BILLION. THAT'S A HECK OF A LOT OF CUT. SO WE SHOULD
16 START THINKING OF HOW IT IS GOING TO WORK FOR US AND HOW WE'RE
17 GOING TO HANDLE IT. WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT REALIGNMENT, WE ALL
18 KNOW. JUST SAYING IT DOESN'T MAKE IT HAPPEN. THERE'S A LOT OF
19 DETAILS, AND I'M SURE THAT, BILL, YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAVE TO
20 LOOK AT ALL OF THOSE DETAILS, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO CHALLENGE
21 THE DEPARTMENT, WE NEED TO CHALLENGE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
22 AND SOCIAL SERVICES, AND SAY, "IF WE WERE TO ABSORB SOME OF
23 THIS, HOW COULD WE ABSORB IT, WHAT WOULD IT MEAN, AND HOW
24 COULD WE HANDLE IT?" WE KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET AN
25 INCREASE IN G.R., SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR US AND HOW ARE WE



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1 GOING TO HANDLE THOSE KINDS OF ISSUES? WHEN YOU LOOK AT HEALTH
2 SERVICES THAT'S ALREADY IN STRAIN, AGAIN, WHEN YOU ARE ASKING
3 FOR CO-PAYS ON EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS, THAT MIGHT GO A LONG
4 WAY. IT HAS WORKED IN THE PRIVATE INSURANCE SECTOR VERY, VERY
5 WELL AND IT MIGHT WORK HERE. WE DON'T KNOW. SO AGAIN, I THINK
6 WE NEED TO EMBRACE SOME OF THESE OPTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO
7 US, AN OPPORTUNITY TO POTENTIALLY REINVENT HOW WE'RE
8 DELIVERING SERVICES. I'M NOT SO FASCINATED BY PROBATION CAMPS.
9 THEY DON'T PROVIDE THE KIND OF REFORM. I KNOW IT'S COSTING US
10 A LOT OF MONEY TO MAINTAIN THEM, BUT WHAT IF WE HAD A CLOSER
11 CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT WAS OPERATING FOR ALL OF THOSE
12 KIDS EVERY SINGLE DAY, INSTEAD OF PUTTING THEM AWAY IN A CAMP
13 24 HOURS A DAY, 24 HOURS SUPERVISION. IT COSTS US MILLIONS AND
14 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. I DON'T KNOW THAT THESE SOLUTIONS ARE
15 GOING TO BE AUTOMATIC, BUT I DO THINK THAT WE NEED TO HAVE A
16 COOPERATIVE SPIRIT. I'M CERTAINLY SOMEONE THAT RECOGNIZES AND
17 UNDERSTANDS AND I DISAGREE WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
18 EVERYONE IN CALIFORNIA IS GOING TO HAVE TO RECOGNIZE, THOSE
19 REVENUES ARE ESSENTIAL. NOBODY WANTS TO TAX THEMSELVES A
20 LITTLE BIT MORE BUT WE'VE BEEN LIVING WITH THIS TAX FOR THE
21 LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. LET'S SEE IF WE CAN CONTINUE THESE TAXES
22 IN ORDER TO GET US OUT OF THE DITCH WE'RE IN. JUST TO SAY,
23 "YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT NECESSARY AND LOOK WHAT'S GOING ON, VEGAS
24 IS TAKING AWAY OUR BUSINESS," OH, GARBAGE. NEVADA HAS A HIGHER
25 DEFICIT THAN WE HAVE, HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT THAN WE HAVE, AND



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1 EVEN WITH ALL THE GAMBLING THAT GOES ON THERE AND ALL THE
2 ATTRACTIONS THAT THEY HAVE FOR IT, IT IS STILL IN A BIGGER
3 DITCH THAN WE ARE, SO I'M NOT IMPRESSED WITH HOW THEY'RE
4 TRYING TO LURE OUR BUSINESSES. VERY FRANKLY, I THINK THE
5 BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAS TO RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND THERE CAN
6 BE A HEALTHY ECONOMY AND THEY CAN BE A PART OF MAKING THAT
7 CONTRIBUTION AND THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO COME UP WITH OPTIONS
8 AS WELL INSTEAD OF MOANING AND GROANING AND SAY, OH MY TAXES
9 ARE TOO HIGH. LET'S LOOK AT PROP 13. I'D LIKE TO SAVE ALL
10 HOMEOWNERS FROM THE BENEFITS OF PROP 13, BUT THESE MAJOR
11 CORPORATIONS, WHY NOT SPLIT ROLES? WHY NOT? WE HAVE TO LOOK AT
12 VARIOUS OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO US. THE GOVERNOR HAS PUT IT
13 SQUARELY IN FRONT OF US. HERE'S THE NUMBERS. LIKE THEM OR NOT,
14 THEY'RE REAL. AND SO IT'S GOT TO BE A COMBINATION. EITHER
15 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE REVENUE OR YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE
16 CUTS. MONEY ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN. I MEAN, NO MATTER HOW MANY
17 LOTTERIES WE TRY AND THINK WE CAN WIN, IT'S JUST NOT THERE. SO
18 WE WANT A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION. WE NEED TO BE PART OF THAT
19 COOPERATION. CALLING LEGISLATORS TO THEM AND CRYING CROCODILE
20 TEARS IS NOT GOING TO IMPRESS THEM, I DON'T THINK. THEY
21 PROBABLY WON'T EVEN SHOW UP, BUT IF, IN FACT, WE COULD ARM OUR
22 DELEGATION WITH REAL OPTIONS, REAL ALTERNATIVES, IF WE CAN SIT
23 THERE AND SAY, "WE'LL BE COOPERATIVE ON THE TAX FRONT AND
24 WE'LL BE COOPERATIVE ON THE CUT FRONT AS WELL, BUT HERE IS
25 WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HOW TO DO IT, HERE IS HOW WE WOULD



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1 LIKE TO PHASE IT IN." NO. WE HAVE OLD JAILS AND, YES, IT'S OUR
2 RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE DON'T HAVE BETTER JAILS, BUT NO MATTER
3 HOW NEW OR HOW OLD, NOBODY COULD ABSORB THE NUMBER CONVICTS
4 THAT THEY'RE ASKING US TO ABSORB, SO WHAT'S THE TIME FRAME?
5 HOW ARE WE GOING TO HAVE A SOFTER LANDING TOWARD THAT? LET'S
6 WORK IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION THAT MAKES SENSE, LET'S
7 RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND, YOU KNOW, IF YOU AREN'T PART OF THE
8 SOLUTION, THEN GET THE HELL OUT OF THE WAY. THIS STATE HAS GOT
9 TO GET ITS FISCAL HOUSE IN ORDER, AND WE NEED TO BE PART OF
10 THAT SOLUTION, WE NEED TO FIND THOSE WAYS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN
11 AND IT ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN BY JUST SITTING AND MOANING AND
12 COMPLAINING ABOUT WHAT THE GOVERNOR HAS DONE. HIS FIRST STEP,
13 AND I APPRECIATE IT, CAME EARLY, AND I-- I MEAN, THERE'S
14 NOTHING BETTER THAN KNOWING THE NUMBERS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.
15 HIS INTENT AND PLANS, CLEAR AND FORTHRIGHT. PRETTY BOLD, I
16 THINK. SCARY, ABSOLUTELY. NEXT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY. ARE WE
17 GOING TO BE PART OF THE MOANERS AND GROANERS THAT ARE GOING TO
18 STAND IN LINE, LIKE ALL THE OTHER SPECIAL INTERESTS, COMPLAIN
19 TO OUR LEGISLATORS AND EXPECT THEM TO GO AND CONFRONT THIS
20 CRISIS WITH NOTHING IN THEIR HANDS? I DON'T THINK THAT'S FAIR
21 TO THEM EITHER. AS A FORMER LEGISLATOR WHO WAS VERY PROUD OF
22 REPRESENTING L.A. COUNTY, I KNOW THAT WHEN THESE CUTS
23 HAPPENED, I KNEW THAT MY JOB COULD BE THE ADVOCATE, BUT IT
24 WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER HAD I HAD OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO ME, THAT
25 MY OWN COUNTY HAD GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A BETTER



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1 ADVOCATE BY BEING PART OF THE SOLUTION. NOBODY'S GOING TO
2 LISTEN TO A BUNCH OF MOANERS AND WHINERS AND WE IN L.A. COUNTY
3 SHOULDN'T DO THAT. SO CONSEQUENTLY, I HAVE A DIFFERENT POINT
4 OF VIEW: I THINK WE NEED TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. I THINK
5 RIGHT NOW EVERY EVERY SINGLE DEPARTMENT SHOULD CUT OUT A PART
6 OF THIS BUDGET, TAKE OUT THEIR PIECE, AND SAY, "HOW AM I GOING
7 TO DEAL WITH THIS?"

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE ARE DOING THAT.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN THEY'VE GOT TO COME UP WITH THE OPTIONS,
12 THEY'VE GOT TO PRESENT THEM, AND I THINK THAT UNTIL THEY START
13 DOING THAT, THEY CAN'T JUST GO IN THERE AND MOAN AND SAY,
14 "THIS IS THE IMPACT." THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH SHARING THAT
15 AND BEING AN SAD ADVOCATE, BUT HOW DO WE BEGIN THE PROCESS,
16 HOW DO WE LOOK AT SOFT LANDINGS AT EVERY SINGLE LEVEL, AND I
17 THINK THIS COUNTY HAS TO ALSO BE A PART OF-- BEING PART OF A
18 CAMPAIGN TO EXPLAIN TO ALL OF THE RESIDENTS IN LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY AS TO WHY WE NEED TO KEEP THESE TAXES IN PLACE. LET'S
20 LOOK AT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MAYBE ANOTHER TWO TO THREE YEARS TO
21 FIGURE OUT IF WE CAN GET OURSELVES OUT OF THE SHAPE WE'RE IN.
22 AGAIN, NOBODY, BUSINESS OR RESIDENT, WANTS TO LIVE IN A COUNTY
23 OR A CITY OR A STATE THAT DOESN'T HAVE THE KIND OF FISCAL
24 INTEGRITY THAT IT SHOULD HAVE, AND WE ALL NEED TO BE A PART OF
25 THE SOLUTION, SO I THINK IT STARTS TODAY, NOT JUST BY



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1 CRITICIZING, BUT ROLLING UP OUR SLEEVES, RECKONING WITH WHAT
2 WE NEED TO DEAL WITH, IT'S A TOUGH ONE, AND THEN BEING A REAL
3 COOPERATIVE PARTNER.

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, JUST TO ADD ON TO THAT, I WASN'T
6 ADVOCATING WHINING OR MOANING, I WAS ADVOCATING THAT WE HAVE
7 OUR SOLUTIONS IN PLACE, BUT WE NEED TO BE AT THE FRONT END OF
8 THAT, SAY, "WE'RE GOING TO BE A PARTNER IN THIS, WE KNOW THAT,
9 BUT HERE ARE SOME OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE THINK, BASED ON THE
10 NUMBERS THAT YOU HAVE THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO OUR SERVICE
11 BETTER." TO BE HARD NUMBERS, TO BE IN PLACE, BUT TO BE AN
12 ADVOCATE UP FRONT VERSUS, YOU KNOW, TRYING TO CONTROL A
13 DELEGATION OF, YOU KNOW, DIFFERENT INTERESTS THAT IF WE'RE
14 WITH THAT BUDGET PERSON, I THINK IT'S A GOOD FIRST STEP BY
15 HAVING DEPARTMENT HEADS GO UP THERE AND VISIT WITH ANA, AND
16 SAYING, "HERE'S WHAT IT'S GOING TO PRESENT US ANDU HERE'S HOW
17 WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PARTNER IN THIS." I WASN'T ADVOCATING--

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I AGREE, DON. I JUST HOPE THAT THEY GO UP THERE
20 AND SAY TO THE GOVERNOR, "WE ARE RIGHT NOW LOOKING AT OUR
21 BUDGET AS TO HOW WE CAN ABSORB THIS CUT. WE'RE NOT READY YET,
22 WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT IT, AND WE WANT TO PRESENT YOU WITH
23 SOME REAL NUMBERS." TO SIT THERE AND JUST GO UP THERE AND SAY,
24 "LOOK, THIS DEPARTMENT CAN'T DEAL WITH IT, WE CAN'T DEAL WITH



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1 IT." IF THEY ARE READY TO START THE DIALOGUE, IT'S HOW YOU
2 WORK TOWARD THAT COOPERATION.

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND I MENTIONED THAT WE WANT TO WORK WITH
5 SACRAMENTO, WE WANT TO COOPERATE. I ALSO MENTIONED THAT, AND I
6 AGREE WITH YOU, I ALSO MENTIONED THAT WE SHOULD BE TALKING
7 ABOUT RESTRUCTURING, WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT REFORM, WE SHOULD
8 TALK ABOUT HOW WE CAN CHANGE THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES. IT'S
9 NEVER BEEN MY PRACTICE, I THINK YOU'VE KNOWN THAT THE LAST
10 THREE YEARS, TO JUST BE A WHINER. WE'LL COME UP, WE'RE TALKING
11 ABOUT-- WE CALLED, WE ASKED FOR THIS MEETING SO THAT IT'S NOT
12 JUST IMPACT, IT'S TO LOOK AT DIFFERENT WAYS OF DOING BUSINESS.
13 I'M TALKING TO ALL THE OTHER LARGE COUNTIES FOR EXACTLY THAT.
14 THE ONE THING WE'RE CONCERNED WITH BECAUSE THE COMBINATION OF
15 CUTS, WE WILL DEAL WITH THE CUTS, AND YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT,
16 THE CUTS WILL COME. WE'LL DEAL WITH IT, WE WANT TO MAKE
17 SURE THAT WE TRANSLATE AND PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THIS BOARD
18 THAT SPEAKS TO THE IMPACT, BUT WHERE IT COMES TO REALIGNMENT,
19 WHEN THEY TALK SOLELY ABOUT REALIGNMENT, IS HOW WOULD THAT BE
20 HANDLED AND TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN THEY DO THE REALIGNMENT--
21 BECAUSE I'VE SEEN WHERE THEY'VE BROKEN DOWN FUNDING ON A
22 STATEWIDE BASIS AND YOU GET COUNTIES THAT HAVE A MUCH SMALLER
23 POPULATION AND MUCH SMALLER IMPACT, BUT THEIR SHARE IS
24 DISPROPORTIONATE TO THAT. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN
25 THE REALIGNMENT TRULY COMES THAT L.A. COUNTY, BASED ON WHAT WE



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1 THINK IS ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE COME TO
2 US, THE PAROLE SYSTEM, THE JAIL SYSTEM, SO ON, THAT WE GET THE
3 RIGHT PROPORTIONATE SHARE AND WE DON'T GET A SMALL COUNTY LIKE
4 PLACID COUNTY GETTING, YOU KNOW, AN AMOUNT THAT'S MUCH MORE.
5 BUT I AGREE, THIS IS NOT-- THIS IS A TIME FOR ALL OF US TO
6 WORK TOGETHER, BUT HAVING AND PROVIDING A PACKAGE OF NOT
7 COMPLAINTS BUT A PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS TO OUR DELEGATION WOULD
8 BE VERY POWERFUL, IF WE CAN DO THAT AS A COUNTY. SO THAT'S WHY
9 THE MEETING IS A VERY, VERY GOOD IDEA, BUT AGAIN, I AGREE,
10 THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR COMPLAINTS, BUT THE TIME TO OFFER
11 SOLUTIONS.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE PACKAGES, YEAH. C.E.O. FUJIOKA: YEAH WE'RE
14 WORKING ON IT RIGHT NOW.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW, BUT I KNOW THAT SOMEBODY IS PLANNING A
17 MEETING ON FRIDAY AND I'M SITTING THERE SAYING, "WHAT ARE WE
18 GOING TO TELL THEM?" WE NEED TO HAVE A PACKAGE IN PLACE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I THINK WHERE THE GOVERNOR FAILED
21 RELATIVE TO THE TAX INCREASE, HE WOULD HAVE HAD A MORE
22 RECEPTIVE RESPONSE TO EXTENDING TEMPORARY TAXES IF HE'D HAD A
23 COMPREHENSIVE RESTRUCTURING GOING ALONG ALL LEVELS,
24 STRUCTURING THE WAY THEY DELIVER SERVICES, HAVING THAT AS PART
25 OF HIS REFORM INSTEAD OF BASICALLY SAYING, "WE'RE GOING TO



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1 SHIFT THIS TO LOCALS AND TAX WILL FUND THOSE LOCAL MANDATED
2 PROGRAMS," WHEN WE KNOW THAT THE HISTORY OF THE STATE IS NOT
3 TO PROVIDE ANY TYPE OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO HAVE FULL
4 FUNDING FOR THOSE MANDATED SERVICES. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING
5 ABOUT.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK WE CAN DO THAT. IF WE WANT TO SHARE WITH
8 HIM HOW WE WANT TO CHANGE THE STRUCTURE, I THINK HE WOULD BE
9 RECEPTIVE TO IT. THERE'S NOTHING WRONG-- I DON'T THINK HE'S
10 THE ONLY MAN OF IDEA IN THIS STATE. WE CAN OFFER THEM-- IT'S A
11 TIME OF HOW WE COULD POTENTIALLY DELIVER THOSE SERVICES MAYBE
12 DIFFERENTLY, AND OF COURSE I THINK WE NEED TO LET THEM KNOW
13 HOW MUCH MONEY WE NEED ON ALL OF THESE THINGS, BUT YOU CAN'T
14 JUST GO IN THERE AND SAY, "NOT US. EVERYBODY BUT US."

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. WE HAVE
17 TO SHOW HIM, THE STATE, HOW WE CAN DELIVER A SYSTEM MORE COST
18 EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVELY AND THOSE TYPES OF REFORMS HAVE TO
19 BE A PART OF ANY FUTURE SPENDING PROPOSALS THAT ARE COMING
20 FORTH. BUT RIGHT NOW, I AGREE, JUST CAN'T SAY, "WE'RE GOING TO
21 ELIMINATE 10,000 PEOPLE HERE, 20,000 PEOPLE THERE," WHEN
22 PERHAPS WE COULD ENHANCE THOSE SERVICES AND DELIVERIES AT A
23 MUCH CHEAPER RATE DELIVERING THAT SAME PROGRAM, BUT WE NEED TO
24 HAVE SOME OF THE TYPES OF REFORMS THAT THE STATE WILL ALLOW US
25 TO HAVE OR GIVE US 100 PERCENT FLEXIBILITY, WHICH THEY DON'T



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1 AND HAVEN'T DONE IN THEIR PROPOSAL BEFORE US. I WOULD LIKE TO
2 HAVE A LIST OF THE NON MANDATED CUTS, THE NON MANDATED
3 SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE, HOW THOSE CUTS ARE GOING TO IMPACT
4 THOSE. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** AGAIN, WE JUST NEED TO BE AT THE TABLE, THAT'S MY
7 POINT, TO BE A PARTNER IN ALL THIS. I'M NOT ADVOCATING JUST TO
8 COMPLAIN. I'M SAYING, "HERE ARE SOME POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS." AND
9 WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT CALWORKS, YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHAT THE
10 COUNTIES DO BUT THE STATE'S TAKING A THIRD OF THE
11 ADMINISTRATIVE COST PRACTICALLY OFF THE TOP AND WE DO ALL THE
12 WORK, NOT JUST L.A. COUNTY, BUT ALL COUNTIES. SO THERE'S
13 OPPORTUNITIES IN REALIGNMENT THAT WE DO THAT SERVICE, AND I
14 REMIND EVERYONE, WHAT'S IRONIC ABOUT ALL OF THIS, THESE ARE
15 COUNTY OPERATED PROGRAMS, NOT COUNTY MANDATED PROGRAMS OR
16 MANDATED BY THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SAME PEOPLE
17 CUTTING US ARE THE SAME PEOPLE SAYING, "COUNTIES, YOU DO THIS
18 WORK." AND SO IN MANY CASES, I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE OUR
19 ISSUES, WE DO IT MORE EFFICIENTLY THAN ANYONE ELSE AND AT THE
20 END OF THE DAY WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD, WE'VE GOT THE
21 CONSUMER OR THE CONSTITUENT INTO OFFICE, NOT JUST OURS, BUT
22 SOCIAL SERVICES WORKER, AND THE STATE'S UP THERE ADMINISTERING
23 THINGS, OR IF WE NEED SOME HELP, SET IT UP, SOMEBODY'S ON
24 VACATION KIND OF THING, WE DON'T GET AN ANSWER BACK, BUT YET
25 IT'S THE CONSTITUENT, IT'S THE ULTIMATE CONSUMER THAT SUFFERS



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1 AND SO THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES I THINK TO-- AND TRUE
2 REALIGNMENT TO PUT IT IN THE HANDS OF THOSE THAT REALLY DO THE
3 WORK, AND WHILE THE STATE MANDATES, THEY REALLY DON'T DO THE
4 WORK, WE DO, AND SO I THINK WE HAVE SOME PRETTY GOOD IDEAS HOW
5 WE COULD BE A PARTNER IN THIS AND SAVE A LOT OF MONEY

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL START PUTTING TOGETHER THE INFORMATION
8 THAT SPEAKS TO, OF COURSE, THE IMPACT, BUT EQUALLY IMPORTANT,
9 SOME OF THE ALTERNATIVES THAT WE CAN OFFER THE STATE WHEN IT
10 COMES TO RESTRUCTURING, REFORM, DELIVERY OF SERVICES, SOME
11 IDEAS WE'VE ALREADY BEEN IN DISCUSSION WITH THE SHERIFF ABOUT
12 WITH RESPECT TO HOW SOME OF THE LOW END OFFENDERS, INSTEAD OF
13 HOUSING THEM IN OUR JAILS, HOW THEY CAN BE HANDLED THROUGH A
14 G.P.S. SYSTEM. THERE ARE IDEAS LIKE THAT THAT WE CAN-- THAT
15 WILL REQUIRE SOME CHANGES IN STATE LEGISLATION. THAT'S ALSO
16 WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT, BECAUSE I THINK THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY
17 TO DUST OFF SOME OF THE PROPOSALS WE'VE HAD OVER THE PAST FEW
18 YEARS THAT FELL ON DEAF EARS AND NOW COULD RESULT IN SOME REAL
19 CHANGE. SO WE ARE LOOKING AT THAT AS PART OF THIS EFFORT.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM 14. MR. SACHS AND ALSO COMMENT ON
22 6, 10, 14, 18, YOU HAD HELD. AND 31-A. LET'S DO 6.

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24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD
25 SACHS. I HELD ITEM NUMBER 6. I'M GLAD YOU'RE GETTING OVER A



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1 MILLION DOLLARS IN IMPROVEMENTS, BUT HERE'S THE PROBLEM THAT I
2 SEE WITH THIS ITEM. YOU'RE OFFSETTING RETROACTIVELY-- YOU'RE
3 OFFSETTING RETROACTIVE OPERATING EXPENSES OF 487,000 DOLLARS
4 OVER SEVEN YEARS, WHICH COMES TO JUST ABOUT \$70,000 A YEAR
5 THAT T.H.E. CLINIC COULDN'T COME UP TO PAY-- COULDN'T COME UP
6 WITH TO PAY THE COUNTY. NOW THEY'RE OFFERING TO MAKE OVER A
7 MILLION DOLLARS IN IMPROVEMENTS IN ADDITION TO GETTING THAT
8 OFFSET. SO IF THEY COULDN'T COME UP WITH THE 487,000 DOLLARS,
9 WHERE EXACTLY ARE THEY GOING TO GET THE FUNDING TO MAKE THE \$1
10 MILLION IN IMPROVEMENTS THAT THE COUNTY IS LOOKING AT GETTING?
11 THAT'S QUESTION NUMBER ONE. QUESTION NUMBER 2, WHAT WAS THE
12 LENGTH OF THE ORIGINAL LEASE, BECAUSE THAT'S NOT IN HERE?
13 MAYBE IT'S IN BACKGROUND INFORMATION. AND NUMBER THREE, THE
14 NEW TERMS OF THE 10-YEAR LEASE. THAT'S NOT IN THE ITEM ON THE
15 AGENDA EITHER. WHAT IS THE COST EITHER PER MONTH OR PER YEAR
16 THAT THEY'LL BE PAYING IN ADDITION TO SUPPOSEDLY PROVIDING
17 THIS \$1 MILLION IN IMPROVEMENTS. THAT'S WHY I HELD QUESTION
18 NUMBER 6. OR ITEM NUMBER 6. ITEM NUMBER 10, YOU'RE ALLOCATING
19 \$300,000 FOR THE ENTIRE TERM OF THE INPATIENT OUTPATIENT
20 MEDICAL SERVICE FOR INCARCERATED YOUTH, AND AGAIN, IT BRINGS
21 BACK THE SERVICES THAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT WITH THE BUDGET
22 DISCUSSION AND THE QUESTION I BROUGHT UP LAST WEEK IN MY
23 PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE CARE TO THE STATE OF 32,000
24 INMATES IN 2006, IT COST THE STATE \$166 MILLION. IN 2009, THE
25 NUMBER OF INMATES HAD RISEN TO 36,000 BUT THE COST HAD DOUBLED



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1 TO \$358 MILLION. SO YOU'RE NOT ASKING ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT
2 THAT, AND I'M CONCERNED HERE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HOLD
3 ACCOUNTABLE TO THE COUNTY \$300,000 OVER A THREE-YEAR TERM WHEN
4 THE STATE HAS SHOWN AN INCREASE OVER A HUNDRED PERCENT FOR
5 THEIR COSTS FOR MEDICAL CARE FOR PRISONERS IN THE STATE
6 SYSTEM, JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. AND ITEM 14 AND 18, WELL, YOU
7 KNOW, I HELD THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE TRANSPORTATION ITEMS. YOU'RE
8 MAKING AMENDMENTS: 14 IS AN AMENDMENT TO THE COOPERATIVE
9 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND
10 18 WAS REQUESTING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
11 TRANSPORTATION, STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE TO EXTEND BUDGET
12 AUTHORITY TO THREE FEDERALLY FUNDED ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
13 IN THE CITIES OF COMPTON, PARAMOUNT AND COUNTY INCORPORATED
14 COMMUNITIES OF WEST CARSON, WESTMONT ATHENS. AND YOU KNOW,
15 IT'S TRANSPORTATION, STATE AND THE COUNTY AND METRO. AND YOU
16 CALLING THE STATE LEGISLATION CRAZY, YOU KNEW I WAS GOING TO
17 GET A SHOT AT THIS-- YOU CALLING THE STATE LEGISLATION CRAZY
18 AND ME THINKING THAT YOU PUT-- AS THEY SAY ABOUT CHUCK NORRIS,
19 THAT HE PUTS THE LAUGHTER IN MANSLAUGHTER, YOU PUT THE
20 FUNCTION IN DYSFUNCTION IN METRO. AND YOU CALLING THE STATE
21 LEGISLATION AND SOME OF THEIR IDEAS AND THE GOVERNOR'S
22 PROPOSALS CRAZY, AND NOT ADDRESSING THE ACTIVITIES THAT YOU
23 TAKE IN METRO. THERE'S JUST AN ARTICLE IN TODAY'S DOWNTOWN
24 NEWS, METRO IS CONSIDERING BUYING UNION STATION. IN TODAY'S
25 DOWNTOWN NEWS, HOW THE HELL CAN METRO CONSIDER BUYING UNION



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1 STATION? THEY JUST RAISED THE FARES \$14. THEY CAN'T BUILD
2 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS FROM FROM POINT "A" TO POINT "B", AND
3 THEY'RE GOING TO INVEST MONEY IN UNION STATION. THAT'S WHY I
4 HELD 14 AND 18. AND FINALLY, IN 31-A, THE WATER RATIONING THAT
5 IS BEING PROPOSED, A COUPLE MONTHS AGO, THERE WAS A STORY IN
6 THE "L.A. TIMES" REGARDING ACTION TAKEN IN COLORADO THAT
7 PEOPLE WERE BEING PROSECUTED FOR HAVING THE SAME KIND OF WATER
8 RETENTION SYSTEMS THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED HERE BEING SAID
9 BECAUSE THE WATER BELONGS TO THE WATER DISTRICT OR THE RIVER
10 DISTRICT IN THE STATE OF COLORADO. SO I WAS JUST HELD THAT IS
11 THERE ANY KIND OF CORRELATION BETWEEN WHAT HAPPENED IN
12 COLORADO AND PEOPLE'S RIGHTS TO INDIVIDUALLY SAVE WATER IN
13 CALIFORNIA AND THE PROPOSITIONS YOU'RE DISCUSSING?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT, I DON'T KNOW. I'M SURE WE'LL
16 HAVE THAT INFORMATION. THAT MAY HAVE BEEN A STATE, NOT A
17 FEDERAL.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THAT'S THE ONLY REASON I HELD IT, SIR, WAS THE
20 ARTICLE IN THE "L.A. TIMES". I THINK THAT COVERS EVERYTHING.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 6, 10, 14, AND 18, MOTION BY MOLINA,
23 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. 31-A WITH SUPERVISOR
24 YAROSLAVSKY'S AMENDMENT ASKING FOR A REPORT BACK IN 21 DAYS ON
25 HIS PROVISION DEALING WITH INCORPORATING L.I.D. PRINCIPLES



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1 INTO THE ROAD AND FLOOD DESIGN MAINTENANCE MANUALS AND THEIR
2 STANDARDS COMPARED TO THE STANDARDS CONTAINED IN THE 2008
3 L.I.D. ORDINANCE REGULATING PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT. THAT
4 AMENDMENT, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
5 ITEM S-1, DR. CLAVREUL.

6

7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
8 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. WELL, I MUST SAY, THE REPORT LOOKS
9 VERY GOOD FOR MANY OF THE ITEMS. ONE POINT OF CONCERN IS THE
10 INCREASE IN THE LENGTH OF STAY AND IT'S DEFINITELY BEEN GOING
11 UP ON A REGULAR BASIS, AND THAT'S REALLY ONE TIME WHEN
12 HOSPITALS START LOSING MONEY, WHEN YOUR LENGTH OF STAY
13 INCREASE, SO WE REALLY NEED TO LOOK AT THAT POINT. I WAS VERY
14 CONCERNED LAST WEEK THAT THE DR. KATZ WAS INTRODUCED AND DR.
15 SCHUNHOFF GLORIFIED WHEN THIS WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA, AND
16 TECHNICALLY, THAT WAS ALSO A VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT,
17 BECAUSE I THINK THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD HAVE BEEN AWARE THAT
18 MR.-- I MEAN, DR. KATZ, YOU KNOW, WILL BE INTRODUCED BECAUSE
19 SOME OF US, WE WOULD HAVE LIKED PROBABLY TO SPEAK TO HIS
20 APPOINTMENT. I WAS ALSO CONCERNED WITH THE LACK OF PROTOCOL
21 AND, YOU KNOW, DR. KATZ HAD JUST STARTED TO WORK HERE AND ALL
22 I COULD HEAR WAS, "MITCH" HERE, "MITCH" HERE, NO "DR. KATZ."
23 THE LACK OF PROTOCOL WAS OF GREAT CONCERN TO ME AND AND
24 SOMETIMES IT'S NICE TO, YOU KNOW, RESPECT, YOU KNOW, POSITION
25 AND SO ON. AND THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN L.A. TIMES ON TUESDAY,



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1 JANUARY 4TH, WRITTEN BY YOUR JIM NEWTON FROM THE L.A. TIMES,
2 WHO, LIKE ME, FINDS THAT THE BOARD REALLY VIOLATE THE BROWN
3 ACT RIGHT AND LEFT, CONTRARY TO THE ASSERTION OF SUPERVISOR
4 MOLINA THAT YOU NEVER VIOLATE THE BROWN ACT. SO I THINK THAT I
5 WANT TO BRING THAT TO YOUR ATTENTION AGAIN, BUT THAT'S ALL I
6 HAD TO SAY FOR TODAY. AND ONE OF MY LETTERS TO THE SAN
7 FRANCISCO VALLEY HAVING TO DO WITH NURSING AND STRIKES. THANK
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. RECEIVE AND FILE, MOTION BY
11 MOLINA, SECOND, TO RECEIVE AND FILE, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
12 ORDERED. ITEM 30.

13

14 **SHEILA SHIMA:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISORS.
15 SHEILA SHIMA, DEPUTY C.E.O. ITEM 30 IS THE C.E.O.'S STATUS
16 REPORT ON THE L.A.N.E. FEE LOS ANGELES NETWORK FOR ENHANCED
17 SERVICES EFFORTS AND THE STATE'S EFFORTS REGARDING A HEALTH
18 INFORMATION EXCHANGE PLAN. THIS REPORT WAS ISSUED BY OUR
19 OFFICE ON NOVEMBER THE 30TH AND JUST VERY BRIEFLY, I'LL RECAP
20 THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT AND IT'S TO PROVIDE THE STATUS
21 UPDATE ON THE L.A.N.E.S. BOARD AND THE ACTIVITIES WE HAD
22 UNDERTAKEN OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS IN CONDUCTING A
23 SELECTION PROCESS FOR A FISCAL INTERMEDIARY AND A TECHNOLOGY
24 PARTNER THAT WOULD ENABLE US AS THE L.A.N.E.S. BOARD TO GO
25 AHEAD AND SUBMIT A SUBMISSION WHEN THE STATE ISSUED ITS



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1 REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR A HEALTH INFORMATION
2 EXCHANGE. THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT ARE SEEKING
3 DELEGATIVE AUTHORITY TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE AS THE
4 COUNTY MEMBER OF THE L.A.N.E.S. BOARD TO APPROVE THE SELECTION
5 OF THE FISCAL INTERMEDIARY AND THE TECHNOLOGY VENDOR AND TO
6 WORK WITH THE L.A.N.E.S. BOARD MEMBERS AND THE FISCAL
7 INTERMEDIARY AND THE TECHNOLOGY PARTNER TO SEEK THE FUNDS THAT
8 ARE AVAILABLE AT THE STATE LEVEL. JUST PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS, THE
9 STATE DID ISSUE THE REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS AND A COPY
10 OF THAT AND A SUMMARY WAS ISSUED TO THE BOARD JUST THIS
11 MORNING TO PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. INCLUDED IN
12 THE REQUIREMENTS FROM THE STATE WAS THE-- A REQUEST THAT FOUR
13 GRANT APPLICATIONS, WHICH WILL BE APPLIED-- THERE ARE SIX
14 PROPOSALS THAT WOULD BE APPROVED FOR THE TOTAL OF FUNDING THAT
15 ARE AVAILABLE AND THE GRANTS WILL RANGE FROM 500,000 TO A
16 MILLION DOLLARS. ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS IS THAT THE APPROVED
17 BIDS WILL HAVE TO PUT UP A 50 MATCH MATCH, AND SO WHAT THE
18 L.A.N.E.S. BOARD DOING CURRENTLY IS REVIEWING, IF WE ARE
19 SUCCESSFUL, WHAT THE SOURCES OF THE MATCH FUNDS WOULD BE, AND
20 THAT WOULD BE INCORPORATED IN THE APPLICATION WE SUBMIT AND
21 WE'LL BE WORKING THE C.E.O. AS THE COUNTY'S MEMBER ON THE
22 BOARD WILL WORKING BACK WITH YOUR OFFICES ON OPTIONS THAT ARE
23 AVAILABLE TO MEET THAT. THAT'S A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE CONTENTS
24 OF OUR REPORT AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND I'M AVAILABLE TO
25 RESPOND TO QUESTIONS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY QUESTIONS? THANK YOU.

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4 **SHEILA SHIMA:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CALL UP LINDA KRISTINE. LINDA?
7 SHE'S FROM...

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. MAYOR, ON THAT LAST ITEM, THAT WAS ALSO
10 A RECEIVE AND FILE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECOND. RECEIVE AND
13 FILE, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELCOME.

18

19 **LINDA KERSTEIN:** (VIA INTERPRETER): GOOD MORNING. I AM DEAF AND
20 I HAVE INTERPRETERS HERE TO INTERPRET FOR ME. IF YOU REMEMBER,
21 I WAS HERE LAST WEEK AND THAT WAS MY FIRST TIME TO SPEAK WITH
22 YOU ALL IN REGARDS TO ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY
23 SENIOR SERVICES. I HAVE A LOT OF CONCERNS ABOUT DISCRIMINATION
24 ISSUES WITH THOSE AGENCIES AND I STILL HAVE THOSE CONCERNS
25 AFTER A YEAR DEALING WITH A CASE WITH THOSE AGENCIES AND



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1 SEVERAL SOCIAL WORKERS THAT I TRIED TO EXPLAIN ABOUT FINANCIAL
2 ABUSES THAT WERE OCCURRING, VERBAL ABUSE. IT APPEARS THAT I
3 WASN'T LISTENED TO AND EVEN THOUGH I HAVE A MOUNTAIN OF
4 INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE, IT'S BEING SWEEPED UNDER THE RUG BY
5 THOSE AGENCIES. THE EVIDENCE THAT I'VE TRIED TO PROVIDE TO
6 THEM IS BEING IGNORED. OUT OF THE FOUR SOCIAL WORKERS THAT
7 I'VE WORKED WITH, THE LAST ONE IS NOTHING MORE THAN A TRAINEE,
8 AND NOT EVEN AN ACTUAL SOCIAL WORKER. THE INFORMATION THAT I
9 GET IS LACKING FROM THEM AND IT APPEARS THEY HAVE A LACK OF
10 CONCERN TO LISTEN TO WHAT'S GOING ON AND THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND
11 THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. I RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM
12 ONE PERSON THERE WHERE SHE CLAIMED TO BE WORKING AS WORKING ON
13 MY BEHALF, BUT I DON'T FEEL THAT'S THE TRUTH BECAUSE SHE
14 DOESN'T TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY OF THE INFORMATION THAT I'VE
15 PROVIDED HER AND IN THE END, IT CONFUSES AND CAUSES ISSUES
16 WITHIN THE CASE. BOTH OF THESE AGENCIES, ADULT PROTECTIVE
17 SERVICES AND COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICES, NEED TO IMPROVE WHAT
18 THEY-- HOW THEY WORK WITH THE PUBLIC AND HOW THEY INTERACT
19 WITH PEOPLE'S RIGHTS, BECAUSE THERE ARE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE TO
20 FACE THAT WE NEED HELP WITH, SUCH AS FINANCIAL ABUSES, VERBAL
21 ABUSES, AND IT'S GETTING TO THE POINT WHERE I FEEL LIKE I'M
22 BEING MADE FUN OF BECAUSE I AM DEAF AND I NEED YOUR HELP/ I'D
23 LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU CAN DO THAT.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LAST WEEK WHEN YOU WERE HERE, WE
2 DIRECTED OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE CHIEF OFFICER TO REVIEW
3 YOUR CONCERNS AND TO BRING BACK TO US TO BE SHARED WITH YOU
4 THE REPORT HOW WE CAN ENHANCE SIGN LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITIES
5 WITHIN THE COUNTY SO THAT THE CONSTITUENTS ARE ABLE TO MEET
6 WITH YOU AND BE BETTER SERVED. OUR OFFICES HAS TRIED TO
7 ARRANGE A MEETING FOR YOU BUT IT'S BASICALLY A LEGAL ISSUE AND
8 YOU RESIDE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, BUT THE POINT YOU RAISE IS
9 A RELEVANT ONE AND APPLIES TO THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. BUT IT'S
10 MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO ARRANGE A MEETING
11 WITH YOU AND YOUR MOTHER.

12

13 **LINDA KERSTEIN:** (VIA INTERPRETER): NO, I HAVEN'T HAD A MEETING
14 WITH ANYONE AND IT'S GETTING TO THE POINT WHERE I'M FED UP.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ACTUALLY, YOU RESIDE IN WEST LOS
17 ANGELES WHICH WOULD BE SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT. WHO
18 IS YOUR SUPERVISOR?

19

20 **LINDA KERSTEIN:** (VIA INTERPRETER): I AM NOT SURE WHO THAT IS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOUR ADDRESS IS _____?

23

24 **LINDA CHRISTINE (VIA INTERPRETER):** CAN YOU PLEASE NOT READ
25 THAT INTO THE RECORD?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THAT ZIP CODE _____?

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4 **LINDA KERSTEIN:** (VIA INTERPRETER): YES, THAT'S MY CORRECT ZIP
5 CODE.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND DISTRICT. OKAY. SUPERVISOR MARK
8 RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE SPEAK TO YOU BUT YOUR
9 QUESTION THAT YOU RAISED ABOUT ENHANCING SIGN LANGUAGE
10 ABILITIES FOR THE COUNTY TO RESPOND TO THOSE WHO HAVE HEARING
11 IMPAIRMENTS IS A RELEVANT ONE AND ALSO HAS TO BE ADDRESSED AND
12 THE C.E.O. IS TO REVIEW ON HOW WE CAN IMPROVE THAT FORM OF
13 COMMUNICATION.

14

15 **LINDA KERSTEIN:** (VIA INTERPRETER): OKAY. I DID GO TO THE L.A.
16 COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES BOARD MEETING BACK IN
17 DECEMBER WHERE I TRIED TO TELL THE COMMISSIONER NEIL ABOUT
18 THESE TWO AGENCIES AND THE EDUCATION OR TRAINING THAT THEY
19 NEED TO HAVE AND THAT REALLY, IT IS AN ACCESSIBILITY ISSUE FOR
20 ALL AGENCIES AND THAT NEEDS TO IMPROVE, BUT I'M HERE TODAY TO
21 START GETTING ANSWERS FOR THAT. I SUGGEST THAT MAYBE THERE BE
22 A SECOND COMMISSIONER ON THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES WHO IS
23 DEAF SO THAT THEY ARE MORE AWARE OF WHAT DEAF PEOPLE DEAL
24 WITH. MAYBE EVEN HAVING A SPECIFIC COMMISSION FOCUSING ON DEAF
25 SERVICES.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THERE IS AN INTERPRETER THAT IS ALWAYS
3 AT THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES COMMISSION MEETINGS. IN THE
4 BOARD ROOM, WE PROVIDE CAPTIONED TESTIMONY OF THE BOARD
5 PROCEEDINGS, WHICH IS ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE WHO ARE HEARING
6 IMPAIRED, AND WE HAVE SIGN LANGUAGE PERSONNEL ON STAFF WHO ARE
7 ABLE TO INTERPRET FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NEED OF THAT TYPE OF
8 ASSISTANCE.

9

10 **LINDA KERSTEIN:** (VIA INTERPRETER): THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL
11 COMPLAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE COURT SYSTEM AS WELL, BE
12 IT TRAFFIC TICKETS WHERE THEY WOULD SHOW UP AND THERE WOULD BE
13 NO CAPTIONING AND THERE WOULD BE NO INTERPRETER OR IF THE
14 INTERPRETER DID ARRIVE, IT WOULD BE MANY HOURS LATER, EVEN FOR
15 SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS A TRAFFIC TICKET.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE COURT SYSTEM, WE HAVE NO
18 JURISDICTION OVER. HOWEVER, WE CAN COMMUNICATE TO THE COURT
19 ADMINISTRATOR THAT THE ISSUE OF HAVING ACCESSIBILITY OF PEOPLE
20 WITH THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE IN SIGN LANGUAGE FOR THOSE WHO
21 COME TO THE COURT, NEEDS TO BE ENHANCED, WE CAN MAKE THAT
22 COMMUNICATION AVAILABLE TO THEM. OKAY?

23

24 **LINDA KERSTEIN:** (VIA INTERPRETER): OKAY.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THEN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS
2 A DEPUTY OVER THERE WHO WILL TALK TO YOU AS WELL. OKAY?

3

4 **LINDA KERSTEIN:** (VIA INTERPRETER): OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
5 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. MAYOR, ON ITEM NUMBER 30, WHICH WE HAVE
8 JUST APPROVED AS A RECEIVE AND FILE, THE C.E.O. HAS BROUGHT TO
9 OUR ATTENTION THAT WE ACTUALLY NEED RECONSIDERATION BECAUSE
10 THERE ARE A COUPLE OF RECOMMENDATIONS. THERE'S ACTUALLY THREE
11 RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT THAT THEY NEED APPROVED. SO THAT
12 WAS ON ITEM NUMBER 30.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE, SECOND, TO
15 RECONSIDER, RECEIVE AND FILE, AND THEN A MOTION BY KNABE,
16 SECONDED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE C.E.O.. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
17 ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COULD I HAVE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
22 WORKS? JUST IDENTIFY FOR THE RECORD AND THEN I'M GOING TO ASK
23 SOME QUESTIONS.

24



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1 **MARK ESTRELLA:** MARK ESTRELLA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PUBLIC
2 WORKS.

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4 **CHRIS STONE:** CHRIS STONE, ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PUBLIC
5 WORKS.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IN A COMMUNICATION MY OFFICE RECEIVED
8 THIS MORNING FROM THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA-- DO
9 YOU HAVE A COPY OF THAT?

10
11 **MARK ESTRELLA:** YES, I DO, SUPERVISOR.

12
13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IN THE THIRD PARAGRAPH, HE STATES THAT
14 "NEVERTHELESS, BASED ON OUR REVIEW, SEVERAL POINTS HAVE COME
15 TO MIND WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE IMPORTANT TO BRING TO YOUR
16 ATTENTION AND TO RAISE PRIOR TO ANY DECISION TO PROCEED WITH A
17 PROJECT AS PROPOSED BY COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS. THE REPORT
18 INDICATES THERE IS ADEQUATE CAPACITY WITHIN THE CURRENT
19 SEDIMENT REPLACEMENT SITES BELOW SANTA ANITA DAM TO
20 ACCOMMODATE ALL ANTICIPATED SEDIMENT FROM THE CURRENT PROJECT
21 AS PROPOSED. REMOVAL OF 11 ACRES OF THE WOODLANDS WOULD
22 INCREASE OVERALL CAPACITY OF THE SITE BY SEVERAL HUNDRED
23 THOUSAND CUBIC YARDS. THE REPORT INDICATES THAT THIS
24 ADDITIONAL CAPACITY COULD BE USED AS A DEBRIS SITE FROM OTHER
25 FLOOD CONTROL LOCATIONS IN THE REGION. WHILE THIS MAY HAVE



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1 BEEN LISTED AS A PROJECT OBJECTIVE, IT IS NOT QUANTIFIED IN
2 THE E.I.R. AND WAS NOT DISCUSSED WITH CITY STAFF. COULD YOU
3 COMMENT ON THAT?

4

5 **MARK ESTRELLA:** SURE, SUPERVISOR. I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE WITH
6 THE LETTER AS DRAFTED. IN FACT, I MET ALONG WITH YOUR STAFF
7 WITH THE CITY MANAGER DON PENMAN ON THE PROJECT AND WITHIN THE
8 E.I.R. AND ALSO WITHIN THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION, THE SITE
9 REMOVAL OF 11 ACRES HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS ACCOMMODATING THE
10 PROJECT AS DESCRIBED. THE SITE IS USED CURRENTLY AS SEDIMENT
11 PLACEMENT FOR SEVEN LOCAL DEBRIS BASINS AS WELL AS ANTICIPATED
12 SEDIMENT REMOVAL FROM SANTA ANITA DAM.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ON PAGE TWO AT THE TOP, FIRST SENTENCE
15 WHERE HE SAYS "THE CITY HAD VERY SERIOUS CONCERNS REGARDING
16 THE TRUCKING ALTERNATIVE AND MADE IT CLEAR TO COUNTY STAFF
17 THAT THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT WE COULD NOT SUPPORT. CITY STAFF
18 SUBSEQUENTLY RECOMMENDED ON THE E.I.R. DURING ITS CIRCULATION
19 SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTING MITIGATIONS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE
20 WOODLANDS AREAS WERE INADEQUATE, THOUGH WE DID NOT VOICE
21 OBJECTIONS TO THE REMOVAL OF THE WOODLANDS SINCE THE
22 ALTERNATIVE TO THAT OF TRUCKING WAS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO US."

23

24 **MARK ESTRELLA:** THAT'S CORRECT. THE CITY WAS INVOLVED AS A
25 RESPONSIBLE AGENCY AND THE E.I.R. REVIEW MADE COMMENTS ABOUT



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1 THE TRUCKING AND WE ACCOMMODATED THROUGH MITIGATION OF THE
2 REMOVAL OF THE OAK TREES AND MITIGATION IS GOVERNED BY THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME. ALTHOUGH THE CITY MAY NOT BE HAPPY
4 WITH THE AMOUNT OF MITIGATION, THE MITIGATION WAS YOUR
5 APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD THROUGH OUR E.I.R..

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEN HE STATES THAT BASED ON THE
8 LATEST REPORT, "IT APPEARS THAT ONE OF THE PRIMARY REASONS FOR
9 REMOVAL OF THE WOODLANDS IS TO CREATE LONG-TERM ADDED CAPACITY
10 THAT CAN BE USED POTENTIALLY ALL HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF
11 CUBIC YARDS AND DEBRIS AND SEDIMENT FROM OFF-SITE LOCATIONS TO
12 THIS AREA RATHER THAN PRESERVING THE SITE FOR FUTURE SANTA
13 ANITA DAM SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECTS. THE RESULT OF CREATING
14 MORE CAPACITY HERE IS THAT THE ARCADIA RESIDENTS WOULD BE
15 IMPACTED BY HUNDREDS IF NOT THOUSANDS OF ADDITIONAL TRUCK
16 TRIPS FROM ON-SITE LOCATIONS WHICH IS WHY THE CITY TOOK ITS
17 POSITION OF NOT OPPOSING THE WOODLANDS REMOVAL ORIGINALLY,
18 BECAUSE THE ALTERNATIVE AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY OF OFF-SITE
19 HAULING WOULD HAVE SUCH A DETRIMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON
20 THE RESIDENTS OF ARCADIA. IN SUMMARY, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS
21 IS A DIFFICULT ISSUE AND EVERYONE WILL NOT BE SATISFIED WITH
22 WHATEVER DIRECTION THE PROJECT ULTIMATELY TAKES. OUR PURPOSE
23 OF COMMUNICATING HERE IS TO ENSURE THAT THE ORIGINAL INTENT AS
24 CITY STAFF UNDERSTOOD IN REMOVING THE WOODLANDS WAS TO CREATE
25 CAPACITY FOR SANTA ANITA DAM SEDIMENT, NOT NOW AND IN THE



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1 FUTURE AND NOT TO CREATE A MUCH LARGER REGIONAL DEBRIS
2 REPLACEMENT SITE THAT RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL
3 IMPACTS ON ARCADIA RESIDENTS. SO THE ACTIONS THAT THE BOARD OR
4 THE DIRECT-- THE PUBLIC WORKS IS TAKING IN REMOVING THE
5 WOODLANDS WAS TO CREATE CAPACITY FOR THE SANTA ANITA DAM
6 SEDIMENT, NOW AND IN THE FUTURE AND NOT TO CREATE A MUCH
7 LARGER NATIONAL REGIONAL DEBRIS BASIN."

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9 **MARK ESTRELLA:** THAT'S THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO IT'S ONLY FOR THAT AREA.

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13 **MARK ESTRELLA:** IT'S FOR THAT AREA, SUPERVISOR. IT'S
14 SPECIFICALLY SANTA ANITA DAM NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THAT IS WHAT THE CITY OF ARCADIA
17 HAD AGREED TO.

18

19 **MARK ESTRELLA:** YES.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THAT'S WHAT YOU AGREED WITH THEM
22 TO DO.

23

24 **MARK ESTRELLA:** YES, SUPERVISOR. TO BE CLEAR, THE SEDIMENT
25 PLACEMENT IN THIS LOCATION SERVES SEVEN LOCAL DEBRIS BASINS



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1 SERVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AS WELL AS SANTA ANITA DAM, SAN
2 ANITA DAM RESERVOIR REPRESENTS THE VERY, VERY LARGE PORTION OF
3 THE SEDIMENT THAT'S GENERATED IN THIS AREA AND THE PURPOSE OF
4 THE SEDIMENT PLACEMENT SITE PURCHASED FROM 1952 WAS
5 SPECIFICALLY FOR THESE LOCAL BASINS AS WELL AS THE SEDIMENT OF
6 THE SANTA ANITA DAM.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHY WAS THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRED TO
9 TAKE THIS ACTION?

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11 **MARK ESTRELLA:** THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN REQUIRED TO TAKE THIS
12 ACTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DAM SAFETY, THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 WATER RESOURCES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DUE TO THE SEISMIC SAFETY
14 OF THE DAM AND AS WELL AS THE CAPACITY OF THE DAM'S ABILITY
15 TO-- DECREASING ABILITY TO CONSERVE WATER DUE TO SEDIMENT
16 BUILD-UP BEHIND THE DAM.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND IF YOU DEFIED THE STATE, WHAT
19 WOULD BE THE CONSEQUENCES?

20

21 **MARK ESTRELLA:** ULTIMATELY, SUPERVISOR, THE DAM WOULD BE
22 DECOMMISSIONED. WE'D LOSE ALL OF THE DRINKING WATER FOR THE
23 COMMUNITY OF SIERRA MADRE AND A PORTION OF THE DRINKING WATER
24 FOR ARCADIA AND THEN WE WOULD LOSE ALL ABILITY FOR FLOOD
25 CONTROL IN THIS AREA AFFECTING 56,000 RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THAT WOULD BE VIA THE STATE OR BY
3 THE FEDERAL?

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5 **MARK ESTRELLA:** IT WOULD BE BY THE STATE.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS DOES
8 NOT HAVE A ROLE IN THIS.

9

10 **MARK ESTRELLA:** NO, THEY DO NOT HAVE A ROLE IN THIS DAM.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THIS IS ONLY WITH THE STATE
13 REGIONAL WATER QUALITY BOARD.

14

15 **MARK ESTRELLA:** IT'S WITH THE-- I'M SORRY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT
16 OF WATER RESOURCES.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** STATE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
19 ARE BASICALLY MANDATING THE COUNTY TO TAKE THIS ACTION IN LIEU
20 OF LOSING THE WATER SERVICE FOR PARTS OF THE SAN GABRIEL
21 VALLEY.

22

23 **MARK ESTRELLA:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR, BOTH WATER SUPPLY
24 AND FLOOD PROTECTION.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAD A MOTION THAT THE LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT OPERATING THE VAST FLOOD
3 PROTECTION WATER CONSERVATION SYSTEM WITH MANY FACILITIES
4 STRATEGICALLY LOCATED AT THE MOUTH OF CANYONS CAPTURE RUN-OFF
5 AND MITIGATE FLOOD RISK TO DOWNSTREAM PARTICIPANTS. DEBRIS AND
6 SEDIMENT FROM THE MOUNTAINS AND CANYONS IMPACT THE OPERATIONS
7 OF THESE FACILITIES BY REDUCING THEIR FLOOD PROTECTION AND
8 WATER CONSERVATION CAPACITY. MOST OF THE SEDIMENT REMOVED IS
9 CURRENTLY MANAGED BY TRANSPORTING IT TO L.A. COUNTY FLOOD
10 CONTROL DISTRICT'S OWN SEDIMENT PLACEMENT SITES WITHIN THE
11 COMMUNITIES. THIS CAPACITY IS BEING RAPIDLY DIMINISHED DUE TO
12 THE SEDIMENT GENERATED AS A RESULT OF THE REGION'S RECENT
13 WILDFIRES, THE STATION FIRE. SUSTAINABLE SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT
14 APPROACHES WILL NEED TO BE DEVELOPED TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUED
15 OPERATION OF OUR REGION'S DAMS AND DEBRIS BASINS WHILE
16 MINIMIZING IMPACT TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND SURROUNDING
17 COMMUNITIES. SOLICITING THE PARTICIPATION OF CONCERNED
18 STAKEHOLDERS IN THE PROCESS WILL RESULT IN A ROBUST SET OF
19 VIABLE OUTCOMES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
20 MET WITH CONCERNED STAKEHOLDERS IN 2007 REGARDING THE
21 POTENTIAL TRUCKING OF THE SEDIMENT BEHIND THE SANTA ANITA DAM
22 TO AN OFF-SITE FACILITY. HOWEVER, THE OPTION HAD INVOLVED THE
23 REMOVAL OF A HUNDRED THOUSAND CUBIC YARDS OF SEDIMENT VIA
24 DIESEL TRUCKS DOWN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS. IT WAS
25 DETERMINED BY THE CITY OF ARCADIA AND THE RESIDENTS OF THE



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1 SURROUNDING AREA THAT ONE TRUCK TRAVELING EVERY THREE MINUTES
2 DOWN RESIDENTIAL STREETS FOR A YEAR WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE. THE
3 WORKING GROUP ALSO RECOMMENDED THE INSULATION OF THE CONVEYOR
4 BELT TO FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE SEDIMENT TO REDUCE THE
5 IMPACT. I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF
6 PUBLIC WORKS TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP WITH COMMUNITY
7 REPRESENTATIVES TO PROVIDE INPUT TO THE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
8 DISTRICT DURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL RE-VEGETATION
9 MITIGATION PLAN TO INCLUDE PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE LOWER SANTA
10 ANITA SEDIMENT PLACEMENT SITES THAT MEETS CALIFORNIA
11 DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAMES PROJECT MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS,
12 AND SET ASIDE \$650,000 OF THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FUNDS FOR
13 THE CREATION OF AN ON-SITE OAK WOODLAND HABITAT, REVIEWED AND
14 APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF-- WHAT IS THE--?

15

16 **MARK ESTRELLA:** DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME, SUPERVISOR.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH
19 & GAME FOR THE LOWER SANTA ANITA SEDIMENT SITE. THE ON-SITE
20 OAK WOODLAND HABITAT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY
21 FOLLOWING PROJECTION COMPLETION. AS PART OF THE FLOOD CONTROL
22 DISTRICT'S REGIONAL SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING EFFORT AND
23 PLAN UPDATE TO INVESTIGATE ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR SEDIMENT
24 AND DEBRIS DEPOSAL FROM THE FLOOD CONTROL FACILITIES AND



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1 CREATE REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER TASK FORCE IN ASSISTING,
2 DEVELOPING AND VETTING ALTERNATIVES.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. MAYOR, YOU JUST READ THAT IN TO GO ON
5 NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA. CORRECT?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT WILL BE FOR NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA ON
12 THAT ISSUE.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ARE YOU READY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, OR WOULD
15 YOU LIKE TO FINISH THE ADJOURNMENTS?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET'S FINISH THE ADJOURNMENTS BUT
18 STAND BY FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF-MIC.)

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND YOU HELD NOTHING? OKAY. SUPERVISOR
23 RIDLEY-THOMAS, ANY ADJOURNMENTS? DON, DO YOU WANT TO DO YOURS?

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'D ASK THAT WE
2 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOSE "URSULO" ZATARAN WHO IS A LONG-
3 TIME RESIDENT OF THE OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT, PASSED AWAY OF
4 HEART FAILURE ON JANUARY 5TH AT THE AGE OF 78. HE IS THE
5 FATHER OF MY STAFF MEMBER, ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ, AND LUPE
6 CARRILLO, WHO ALSO WORKS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND
7 WAS A FORMER STAFF MEMBER FOR SUPERVISORS HAHN, BURKE AND MARK
8 RIDLEY-THOMAS. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. HE IS
9 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JUANITA, FIVE CHILDREN, LUPE, ADRIANA,
10 ENRIQUE, PATRICIA AND JOSE, AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. OUR
11 PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILIES. ALL MEMBERS. ALSO THAT WE
12 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MICHAEL REUBEN GARCIA, A RESIDENT OF
13 ROLLING HILLS, WHO PASSED AWAY JANUARY 5TH AT THE AGE OF 18.
14 HE WAS RAISED ON THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA, WAS CURRENTLY A
15 SENIOR AT ROLLING HILLS PREP SCHOOL. HE WAS AN OUTSTANDING
16 ATHLETE. THIS YEAR HE WAS SELECTED AS A CO-CAPTAIN OF THE
17 FOOTBALL TEAM THAT MADE IT DEEP INTO THE C.I.F. PLAYOFF,
18 PLAYED MANY POSITIONS. HIS FAVORITE POSITION WAS MIDDLE
19 LINEBACKER AND HIS NUMBER 11 WILL BE CHERISHED BY THE SCHOOL
20 AND OTHERS FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
21 PARENTS, REUBEN AND TAMMY AND SISTERS MEGAN AND AMANDA. ALSO
22 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ARTHUR CHAVEZ, WHO PASSED
23 AWAY PEACEFULLY IN LAKEWOOD AT THE AGE OF 80. HE WAS BORN IN
24 ARIZONA AND AFTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, HE SERVED IN THE
25 UNITED STATES NAVY. HE WORKED FOR NORTHROP FOR 30 YEARS AND



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1 RETIRED IN 1992. HE REALLY ENJOYED HIS FAMILY AND ENJOYED HIS
2 COACHING AND ATTENDING VARIOUS SPORTING EVENTS, .ALSO HE TOOK
3 GREAT PRIDE IN THE APPEARANCE OF HIS BEAUTIFUL YARD. HE IS
4 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 55 YEARS, ROSEMARY, FIVE CHILDREN,
5 DAVID, KAREN, VICTORIA, ALICIA, THEODORE, 12 GRANDCHILDREN AND
6 ONE GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER, AND THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
9 ORDERED. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR, ADJOURN IN
12 THE MEMORY OF FOLLOWING TWO INDIVIDUALS, MRS. HELEN NICOLAS
13 ANGELIDES, BORN MARCH 15TH, 1926, IN ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, AND
14 PASSED ON JANUARY 7, 2011 AT THE AGE OF AGE OF 84. SHE
15 RELOCATED TO CALIFORNIA BAY AREA IN 1949 WHERE SHE MET AND
16 MARRIED HER HUSBAND OF 61 YEARS. SHE WAS FINELY EDUCATED IN
17 EGYPT AND SPOKE ENGLISH, FRENCH, GREEK AND ARABIC. WHEN HER
18 CHILDREN BECAME ADULTS, SHE TAUGHT SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AND
19 MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON HER STUDENTS' LIVES. SHE WAS
20 DEEPLY ENGAGED IN THE ARTS AND SUPPORTIVE CAUSES INCLUDING THE
21 OPERA GUILD, THE SYMPHONY, AND SUPPORTED CAUSES BEYOND THAT,
22 THAT WORKED WITH THE PROCTOR MUSEUM, AMONG MANY OTHERS. SHE
23 ALSO RAISED FUNDS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE BIBLIOTECA
24 ALEXANDRINA, WHICH WAS COMPLETED IN EGYPT IN 2002. SHE WILL BE
25 FONDLY REMEMBERED FOR HER POISE AND ELEGANCE, FOR HER



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1 EVERLASTING LOVE FOR HER FAMILY. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER
2 MEMORY HER HUSBAND JERRY, HER SONS, FORMER STATE TREASURER,
3 PHILIP ANGELIDES AND KIMEN, HER SISTER LILY, SEVEN
4 GRANDCHILDREN, TWO NIECES AND ONE NEPHEW. AND THEN THERE'S MS.
5 IRMA L. BLACKSHIRE, BORN JANUARY 7, 1930 IN LOUISIANA AND
6 PASSED ON DECEMBER 15TH, 2010, AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE WAS LONG-
7 TIME RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES. SHE WORKED HER ENTIRE CAREER AT
8 THE GEORGE ELKINS MORTGAGE COMPANY. SHE ENJOYED READING,
9 GARDENING AND SPORTS AND LOVED TO DECORATE HER HOME DURING THE
10 CHRISTMAS SEASON. A PERSONAL WITNESS TO HOW SHE DID THAT AS
11 SHE WAS A NEIGHBOR. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER GRANDSON, MAURICE,
12 HER GREAT GRANDSON, AMORA, HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW TYERRA, COUSIN
13 BARBARA AND A HOST OF DEAR FRIENDS. MR. MAYOR, THAT CONCLUDES
14 MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
17 ORDERED. YOU HELD AN ITEM. YOU HAD AN ITEM?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE'S AN ITEM
20 REMAINING AT THIS POINT, WHICH IS...

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS, THERE IS AN ITEM, IT'S
23 31-B, AND I BELIEVE THE DISCUSSION, WE WERE HOLDING THAT FOR
24 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** FOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S RETURN. IN
2 VIEW OF THE FACT THAT HE ISN'T YET HERE, I'M PREPARED TO
3 CONTINUE THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
6 ORDERED TO CONTINUE IT TO THE 18TH. SO ORDERED.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PUBLIC COMMENT. BECAUSE OF THE LARGE
11 NUMBER THAT WE HAVE, HOLD YOU TO ONE MINUTE EACH AND WE'RE
12 GOING TO CALL JERRY BAKER, STEVEN KUTCHER, LORI PAUL, AND
13 KEVIN BRECHNER. JUST IDENTIFY YOUR NAME BEFORE YOU SPEAK SO WE
14 KNOW WHO IS WHOM.

15

16 **JERRY BAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JERRY BAKER. WELL, I
17 THOUGHT I HAD THREE MINUTES, BUT APPARENTLY I ONLY HAVE ONE
18 NOW.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU WOULD HAVE IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE SO
21 MANY PEOPLE WITH YOU.

22

23 **JERRY BAKER:** I'M DISAPPOINTED THAT OFFICIALS FROM THE PUBLIC
24 WORKS DEPARTMENT ARE REPRESENTING THE DESTRUCTION OF THE OAK
25 WOODLANDS AS SOMETHING THAT'S NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE



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1 SEDIMENT REMOVAL OF SANTA ANITA DAM. IT IS NOT REQUIRED AS
2 THEY ACKNOWLEDGE IN PAGE 58 OF THEIR REPORT TO YOU LAST WEEK,
3 SO I WOULD JUST URGE THE BOARD TO ORDER THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 PUBLIC WORKS TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT AND WITH THEIR
5 CONVEYOR SYSTEM AS ALIGNED IN THE E.I.R. WHICH IS ALONG ACCESS
6 ROADS AND NOT DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE OAK WOODLANDS AS THEY
7 REPORTED TO YOU LAST WEEK, AND COMPLETE THE PROJECT AND THE
8 FUTURE NEED OF SEDIMENT STORAGE FROM SANTA ANITA DAM AND OTHER
9 FACILITIES CAN BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER DATE. IT DOES NOT
10 REQUIRE REMOVING THE OAKLAND WOODLANDS TOMORROW. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

13

14 **LORI PAUL:** I'M LORI PAUL AND APPARENTLY I WOULD SAY THREE
15 YEARS BEFORE I WAS BORN, THIS OAK WOODLAND WAS DESTINED FOR
16 DESTRUCTION, BUT TIMES CHANGE AND THESE TREES NOW ARE
17 EXTRAORDINARY AND CANNOT BE REPLACED BY THE CURRENT MITIGATION
18 IN THE PROJECT AND THE PROJECT DOES NOT NECESSITATE THEIR
19 DESTRUCTION. THERE IS SUFFICIENT AREA TO PUT THE SEDIMENT. I
20 TOTALLY REJECT THE OFFER OF TRYING TO RE-VEGETATE THE AREA
21 AFTER DESTROYING WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE. ALL THE SMALL CREATURES
22 AND THINGS THAT LIVE THERE FROM BUTTERFLIES TO FROGS TO THE
23 BIRDS AND THE SOUTHERN SPOTTED OWL AND PERHAPS THE COAST
24 HORNED TOAD WILL DIE WHEN THESE TREES ARE CUT DOWN PROBABLY
25 TOMORROW. PLEASE TAKE ACTION THAT REFLECTS THE THOUSANDS OF



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1 PEOPLE THAT HAVE CONTACTED YOU THROUGH PETITION AND OTHERWISE
2 FROM THE AREA TO THE REGIONAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS OAK WOODLAND.
3 THERE WERE IMPROPRIETIES IN THE C.E.Q.A. PROCESS. ONE MINUTE
4 IS SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH TO REPRESENT THE CENTURIES THESE OAKS
5 REPRESENT BY THEIR EXISTENCE. PLEASE STOP THIS DESTRUCTION AND
6 PROVIDE WITH US A BETTER RECREATIONAL DESTINATION FOR THIS
7 NORTHERN AREA OF THE ARCADIA WASH TRAIL. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU LET ME ALSO CALL UP ROSS
10 HECKAMAN AND LAURIE GOULD. ROSS HECKMANN, LAURIE GOULD.

11

12 **STEVE KUTCHER:** MY NAME IS STEVE KUTCHER. I'M AN ARCADIA
13 RESIDENT. I'M A BIOLOGIST, ENTOMOLOGIST. I TEACH AT WEST LOS
14 ANGELES COLLEGE. I'VE BEEN LIVING IN THE AREA FOR 16 YEARS. I
15 WAS NOTIFIED THAT THERE WAS MOVEMENT OF DIRT BUT I DID NOT
16 REALIZE THAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BIOTA THAT WAS THERE. THE
17 OAK TREES AND SYCAMORES ARE OLD. I DID NOT REALIZE THEY WERE
18 GOING TO BE DESTROYED. IT WASN'T UNTIL WE WERE ALLOWED ON THE
19 PROPERTY THAT I REALIZED THE VALUE OF THAT PROPERTY. THERE ARE
20 ALTERNATIVES. THERE ARE OTHER WAYS OF TRUCKING, THERE ARE
21 OTHER WAYS OF SETTING UP, REMOVING THE DIRT, AND I THINK THAT
22 PEOPLE NEED TO THINK SMART ABOUT THIS. THIS HAS GONE ON SINCE
23 THE 1920S. I WOULD JUST REMIND YOU THAT THEODORE ROOSEVELT
24 WOULD PROBABLY LOOK AT THIS AND SAY, "DO NOT CUT THOSE TREES."

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

2

3 **KEVIN BRECHNER:** HI. MY NAME IS KEVIN BRECHNER. I'M A FILM
4 MAKER AND HOLD A DOCTORATE IN SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY AND I
5 SPECIALIZE IN ENVIRONMENT CRISIS SITUATIONS. I PRESENTED A
6 PAPER THIS SUMMER AT THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
7 CONVENTION ON THE LOS ANGELES STORM DRAIN SYSTEM AND THE HUMAN
8 BEHAVIORS INVOLVED IN DUMPING TOXIC WASTE. YOU ARE CREATING AN
9 ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS HERE IF YOU ALLOW THOSE TREES TO BE CUT
10 TOMORROW. THE REAL ENEMY HERE IS NOT TREE HUGGERS VERSUS
11 INSENSITIVE ENGINEERS; THE PROBLEM WE HAVE, AND IT MAY SEEM
12 FUNNY, BUT THE REAL ENEMY IS GRAVITY. GRAVITY IS PULLING THE
13 WATER DOWN, IT'S PULLING THAT SILT DOWN. THE DAMS ARE THERE
14 FIGHTING GRAVITY TO HOLD IT BACK. NOW YOU HAVE THE PROBLEM,
15 THE WATER GOES THROUGH BUT THE DIRT IS THERE. WHAT TO DO WITH
16 THE DIRT. TO BUILD THESE ARTIFICIAL DAMS, YOU'RE BASICALLY
17 TRYING TO HOLD MUD BACK. BY NATURE, IT WOULD GO DOWN TO THE
18 OCEAN. YOU NEED TO FIND A BETTER ALTERNATIVE. YOU'RE CREATING
19 AN ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS-- THE BOTTOM LINE IS YOU'RE DOING THAT
20 IN ORDER TO STORE MUD. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. ANN HARS AND TIM
23 MARTINEZ.

24



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1 **ROSS HECKMANN:** MR. MAYOR, AM I ALLOWED TO ASSIGN MY MINUTE TO
2 ANOTHER SPEAKER?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IF YOU'D LIKE TO.

5

6 **ROSS HECKMANN:** YES. I'D LIKE TO ASSIGN IT TO MR. CZAMANSKE.

7

8 **LAURIE GOULD:** DITTO.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THAT'S THREE MINUTES FOR WHICH
11 ONE?.

12

13 **ROSS HECKMANN:** MR. CZAMANSKE

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOLD ON A SECOND. OKAY. START.

16

17 **ANNE HARS:** HI. I AM A DESIGN PROFESSIONAL IN SAN GABRIEL AND I
18 WENT TO ART CENTER COLLEGE WHERE I HAVE A MASTER'S DEGREE AND
19 I CAN TELL YOU THAT THIS IS A DESIGN-- THIS DESIGN FOR
20 MITIGATING THE SEDIMENT, THERE'S A MAJOR DESIGN FLAW AND IT'S
21 GOING TO COST THE CITY AND THE COUNTY A LOT OF MONEY IN THE
22 FUTURE BECAUSE YOU'RE CREATING THIS FUTURE DISASTER AND I
23 REALLY HOPE, YOU HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THIS. JUST GIVE US
24 SOME TIME, LET PEOPLE LOOK AT IT. THAT'S ALL WE'RE ASKING.
25 DON'T START CUTTING THE TREES DOWN TOMORROW. WE JUST NEED A



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1 LITTLE BIT OF TIME TO REALLY LOOK AT THIS. PLEASE DON'T CUT
2 THE TREES DOWN. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. CZAMANSKE AND KATHLEEN MURPHY.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIC.)

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEN LET ME ALSO-- CAMRON STONE. OKAY.
9 YES, SIR.

10

11 **TIM MARTINEZ:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS TIM MARTINEZ, I COME FROM
12 PASADENA, AND I JUST CAME TODAY TO URGE THE COUNTY TO PLEASE
13 TAKE MORE TIME TO CONSIDER AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION TO LEVELING
14 THESE OAK WOODLANDS. MANY HAVE MENTIONED THE OAKS' AGE AS
15 BEING CENTURIES OLD, OR OVER A CENTURY OLD, BUT I WOULD LIKE
16 TO SAY THAT THESE OAK WOODLANDS HAVE EXISTED ON THIS LAND,
17 THIS NATIVE CALIFORNIA HABITAT HAS EXISTED HERE SINCE THE END
18 OF THE LAST ICE AGE, SINCE EVEN BEFORE THE NATIVE PEOPLES
19 FIRST CAME TO THIS LAND. NATIVE CALIFORNIA HABITAT IS BECOMING
20 EVER RARER, AND ESPECIALLY SINCE THE STATION FIRE, I BELIEVE
21 THAT NOW MORE THAN EVER WE MUST EXPAND UPON AND NOT DIMINISH
22 OUR NATIVE FLOOR HERE IN CALIFORNIA. THESE PLANTS HAVE MANY
23 BENEFITS TO US. THEY ARE FIRE RESISTANT, THEY ARE DROUGHT
24 TOLERANT, THEY ARE BIOLOGICALLY DIVERSE. THEY MAKE US A
25 HOTSPOT OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY HERE IN CALIFORNIA AND THEY



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1 HAVE ACHIEVED A BALANCE HERE WITH OUR ECOSYSTEM IN CALIFORNIA
2 AND THEY ARE PERFECTLY ADAPTED FOR OUR REGION AND I'M JUST
3 CONFIDENT THAT WITH ALL OF THE MANY PASSIONATE AND PUBLIC
4 SUGGESTIONS THAT WE HAVE FROM CITIZENS AND FROM THE COUNTY
5 LEADERSHIP THAT WE CAN FIND AN ALTERNATIVE TO LEVELING THESE
6 OAKS AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO FINISH BY SAYING THAT THESE OAKS
7 ADD A SENSE OF PLACE TO WHERE WE LIVE. THEY ARE LIKE THE PINE
8 TREES IN THE SIERRAS. IT'S LIKE MY GRANDDAD WHO IS A FARMER,
9 TAUGHT ME ABOUT LAND, THEY DON'T MAKE ANY MORE OF IT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP CAROLE
12 SCURLOCK. AND CAROLINE BROWN. AND GLEN OWENS. MR. OWENS? AND--
13 OKAY, YES, SIR.

14

15 **CAMRON STONE:** HI. MY NAME IS CAMRON STONE, I LIVE AT 120
16 ELKINS AVENUE, WHICH IS RIGHT ON THE ROUTE THAT ALL OF THE
17 TRUCKS FROM OUTSIDE OF ARCADIA COME DOWN MY STREET AND INTO
18 THE SEDIMENT PLACEMENT SITE. I'M ALSO THE AUTHOR OF THE
19 DOCUMENT ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS RECEIVED CALLED "PROPOSED
20 ALTERNATIVE NUMBER 5." I SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME DESIGNING
21 A WAY TO TO NOT-- TO SAVE THE WOODLANDS AND MINIMIZE THE
22 IMPACT TO THE PROJECTS, COST AND SCHEDULE. IT CAN BE DONE
23 WITHOUT DESTROYING THE WOODLANDS. AS FAR AS HIS I'M CONCERNED,
24 THEY CAN START THE PROJECT TOMORROW. HALF OF THE PROJECT IS TO
25 TAKE 250,000 CUBIC YARDS TO THE SOUTH SEDIMENT PLACEMENT SITE



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1 AND THEY CAN START THAT AND GO RIGHT AHEAD AND DO THAT AND NOT
2 DELAY THE PROJECT. WE'RE JUST TALKING ABOUT A MINIMUM CHANGE
3 TO THE PROJECT, SO I REALLY URGE YOU ALL TO CONSIDER
4 ALTERNATIVES TO THIS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. CHARLOTTE BALVIN. OKAY.

7

8 **CAROLINE BROWN:** CAROLINE BROWN, SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA I
9 BROUGHT YOU ONE VOLUME OF A TWO-VOLUME SET WHICH IS OAKS OF
10 THE WORLD. I VOLUME THAT I LEFT AT HOME IS ON EUROPE AND
11 CHINA, BUT THIS VOLUME IS ON THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. THE
12 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS ACTUALLY FEATURED IN THIS BOOK.
13 HOWEVER, THIS OAK WOODLAND IS NOT. IT COULD VERY WELL BE
14 FEATURED IN THE NEXT VOLUME OF THIS BOOK. I REPRESENT
15 CALIFORNIA OAKS AND INTERNATIONAL OAK SOCIETY. THE STATE OF
16 CALIFORNIA IS VERY IMPORTANT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FROM THE
17 STANDPOINT THAT IT POSSESSES ONE OF THE WIDEST BIODIVERSITIES
18 IN THE WORLD. WE WERE NOT SCoured OUT GENETICALLY BY THE ICE
19 AGE, BUT MOST OF EUROPE IS, SO WHEN THE EUROPEAN RESEARCHERS
20 COME TO THIS COUNTRY AND WRITE VOLUMES SUCH AS THIS AND
21 INTERVIEW PEOPLE, FOR EXAMPLE, AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOTANICAL
22 GARDENS AND ARBORETUMS AND LEARN OF WHAT WE HAVE HERE, ONE OF
23 THE MOST GLARING OMISSIONS IS THIS OAK WOODLAND WHICH COULD
24 VERY WELL BE FEATURED AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN HAD IT BEEN



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1 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND KNOWN TO THEM AT THE TIME. THANK
2 YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. SUSAN RUDNICKI. YES,
5 SIR.

6

7 **GLEN OWENS:** MY NAME IS GLEN OWENS. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO SAY
8 THAT I'M A NATIVE, ONE OF THOSE RARE SPECIES OF NATIVE
9 CALIFORNIANS. I'M PROBABLY ALMOST AS OLD AS SOME OF THOSE
10 TREES, I WENT THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
11 AND ENDED UP GRADUATING FROM A PLACE CALLED JOHN MARSHALL HIGH,
12 WHICH I PROBABLY SAT IN SOME SEATS THAT MR. ANTONOVICH SAT IN,
13 BUT I SURE WOULDN'T WANT TO SIT IN HIS SEAT NOW BECAUSE OF THE
14 RESPONSIBILITY THAT YOU PEOPLE HAVE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHEN DID YOU GRADUATE?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE WERE THERE AT THE SAME TIME.

19

20 **GLEN OWENS:** WE WERE? VOLUNTEER? BUT ANYWAY, I HAVE BEEN A
21 CALIFORNIA LICENSED REAL ESTATE BROKER FOR OVER 40 YEARS. I
22 HAVE BEEN A MONROVIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSIONER FOR OVER 25
23 YEARS. I'VE BEEN A CABIN OWNER IN THE SANTA ANITA CANYON FOR
24 ALMOST 50 YEARS, I HAVE CREATED A NONPROFIT CORPORATION ABOUT
25 30 YEARS AGO CALLED THE BIG SANTA ANITA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND



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1 WE HAVE PUBLISHED TEN BOOKS AND MOST OF THE BOOKS ARE ON THE
2 HISTORY OF THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS, THE SAN BERNARDINO
3 MOUNTAINS, THE SAN JACINTO MOUNTAINS AND THE HISTORY OF LOS
4 ANGELES, AND I THINK I SPENT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MY TIME
5 MAKING THINGS BETTER. I DON'T GET EXCITED ABOUT TOO MANY
6 THINGS, BUT THIS THING PUSHED MY BUTTON AND IT PUSHED MY
7 BUTTONS LIKE THE STATION FIRE DID, AND I THINK IT PUSHED YOUR
8 BUTTON TOO, BUT THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF MISREPRESENTATION. WE
9 HAVE HIRED A PRIVATE ENGINEER AT OUR OWN MONEY, AT OUR OWN
10 COST, TO PROVE THAT THERE IS ADEQUATE SPACE FOR SEDIMENT
11 WITHOUT DISTURBING THIS WOODLAND, AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING
12 TO DO.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **GLEN OWEN:** FRANKLY, ALL WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS JUST TAKE THAT
17 SAYING YOU HAVE ON YOUR WALL AND PUT ONE WORD IN IT, "TREE."
18 THAT TREES OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE
19 SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH. THAT'S ALL WE'RE TALKING
20 ABOUT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONE QUESTION. ON YOUR HISTORY, DID YOU
23 GO INTO DON BENITO WILSON?

24



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1 **GLEN OWNEN:** OH, YEAH, SURE, WE'VE DONE ALL THAT, THE MOUNT
2 WILSON TRAIL, WE'VE PUBLISHED ALL THOSE BOOKS?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE BOOK ON WILSON?

5

6 **GLEN OWEN:** IT'S CALLED "THE MOUNT WILSON TRAIL" AND THEN WE'VE
7 PRODUCED "THE SAN GABRIELS," WHICH HAS ALL THE HISTORY OF THE
8 SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. THE BEST BOOK WE'VE DONE--

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SEND ME A LIST OF THOSE. I'VE READ A
11 LITTLE BIT.

12

13 **GLEN OWEN:** THE LAST BOOK WE DID IS CALLED "THE GATEWAYS TO
14 CALIFORNIA." IT'S A 500 PAGE DOCUMENTARY OF ALL THE PASSES IN
15 THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE BANNING PASS, TAHOME PASS, THE
16 COMB PASS, AND THE HISTORY OF THE CATTLE DRIVES THROUGH LOS
17 ANGELES AND SUCH AS THAT. THAT'S A SUBSTANTIAL VOLUME.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MANY PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THAT HE WAS THE
20 FATHER OF THE FIRST COLLEGE HERE WHICH WAS WILSON COLLEGE,
21 WHICH WAS A METHODIST COLLEGE THAT HE ESTABLISHED MANY YEARS
22 AGO AND WHICH IS TODAY U.S.C. AND HIS GRANDSON WAS GENERAL
23 PATTON AND HIS SON, FIRST MAYOR OF SAN MARINO, HELPED
24 INCORPORATE THAT, AND HIS ONE DAUGHTER, HER HUSBAND, THROUGH
25 BAD BUSINESS, THEY LOST THE HUNTINGTON RANCH WHEN SHE SIGNED



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1 FOR THAT. AND I MEAN HUNTINGTON-- MEMORIAL-- THE HUNTINGTON
2 LIBRARY, IS WHAT I MEANT TO SAY, BUT IT'S VERY UNIQUE, AND HE
3 WAS-- HIS COURTHOUSE WAS OUR FIRST HALL OF-- I GUESS HIS HOTEL
4 WAS OUR FIRST COURTHOUSE THAT HE RENTED TO THE COUNTY FOR A
5 DOLLAR A YEAR AND HE INCORPORATED THE COUNTY FOR THE
6 SUPERVISOR, SERVED AS CITY COUNCIL, MAYOR, CITY OF L.A. VERY
7 INTERESTING.

8

9 **GLEN OWEN:** IT ALL GOES BACK, AND I COMMEND YOU PEOPLE FOR
10 TAKING THE RESPONSIBILITY YOU DO TO RUN THIS COUNTY. MY ONLY
11 CAUTION TO YOU IS THERE'S A LOT OF MISREPRESENTATIONS IN THOSE
12 REPORTS THAT WERE PRESENTED TO YOU AND DON'T DESTROY AN
13 ECOSYSTEM ON THE BASIS OF MISSTATEMENTS. IT'S NOT WORTH IT.
14 THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MARY O'CONNOR. MARY
17 O'CONNOR. OKAY.

18

19 **CHRISTLE BALVIN:** CHRISTLE BALVIN, PASADENA. YOU READ NAT
20 REID'S BOOK ON DON BENITO WILSON, I ASSUME. ANYWAY, I'M A
21 THIRD GENERATION CALIFORNIAN AND MY BUTTON IS THE OAK TREES. I
22 HAVE WHAT MAY BE ONE OF THE LAST BIG ENGELMANS IN PASADENA,
23 AND WHEN I READ ABOUT GLEN'S EFFORTS, I GOT IN CONTACT WITH
24 HIM AND HAD BEEN WORKING HARD ON THIS EVER SINCE. BUT WHAT HAS
25 PUZZLED ME IS I DON'T SEE A PROBLEM HERE. THE ANSWER IS SO



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1 SIMPLE. IF THE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DID WHAT THEY SAID IN THE
2 E.I.R., IT DOES NOT SAY THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BRING SEDIMENT
3 FROM ANYWHERE ELSE. IT SAYS THAT THE REASON THEY ARE TO MOVE
4 AHEAD ON THIS PROJECT IS BECAUSE THEY ARE REMOVING THE
5 SEDIMENT FROM SANTA ANITA DAM. WE THINK THAT-- WE KNOW,
6 BECAUSE OF OUR OWN SOIL, ENGINEERS' STUDIES, THAT THERE IS
7 ADEQUATE ROOM IF THEY STICK WITH JUST THAT. WE HAVE TRIED TO
8 MAKE REPEATED MEETINGS WITH MR. CHRISTOPHER STONE TO DISCUSS
9 THIS. WE HAVE BEEN REBUFFED THROUGHOUT. SO WHAT WE'D LIKE TO
10 DO IS PROPOSE THAT YOU MOVE AHEAD WITH THIS PROJECT, NOT TOUCH
11 THE OAK WOODLAND, TAKE THE SEDIMENT FROM SANTA ANITA DAM, AS
12 YOU HAD PLANNED, THERE IS AMPLE ROOM FOR IT, AND WE CAN BOTH
13 BE VERY HAPPY AND WORK TOGETHER. THIS COULD BE A CHANCE TO
14 BUILD A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL
15 COMMUNITY THAT'S COME TOGETHER ON THIS RATHER THAN CREATE BAD
16 FEELINGS THAT WILL HAVE LONG-TERM REPERCUSSIONS. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUSAN RUDNICKI:** I'M SUSAN RUDNICKI FROM MANHATTAN BEACH. I
21 KNOW SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AUTHORED THE OAK TREE PRESERVATION
22 ORDINANCE IN 1982. THESE TREES AND THIS LAND ARE THE LAST
23 REMNANTS OF OUR HERITAGE AND OUR CHILDREN'S ESCAPE FROM
24 CONCRETE JUNGLE. WHEN MY KIDS CHALLENGE ME ON WHY THE ADULTS
25 IN CHARGE TALK THE GREEN CITY MANTRA BUT OUR ENGINEERING



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1 PROWESS CAN ONLY FIND THE SOLUTION TO ANNIHILATE THIS GORGEOUS
2 WOODLAND, I'M AT A COMPLETE LOSS TO EXPLAIN SUCH ARROGANCE. IN
3 THEIR HEARTS, MY CHILDREN KNOW THAT THE ADULTS MAKE EXCUSES
4 FOR THEIR EXPEDIENCY AND EXPRESSIONS OF POWER OVER THE NATURAL
5 WORLD. THIS TRAGEDY COULD BE AVERTED IF ONLY THE ADULTS IN
6 CHARGE WOULD LOOK TO A WIDER FUTURE AND FIND A REMEDY WHICH
7 DOES NOT DESTROY HERITAGE WOODLANDS WHICH WE CANNOT REPLICATE
8 ANYWHERE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

11

12 **MARY O'CONNOR:** I'M MARY O'CONNOR, I LIVE IN YOUR DISTRICT, MR.
13 ANTONOVICH. D.C.F.S. WANTS TO GIVE MY CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION TO
14 COMPLETE STRANGERS NEXT MONTH AND I WON'T BE ABLE TO TALK TO
15 THEM UNTIL THEY'RE 18. I HAVE WRITTEN PROOF THAT WE NEVER
16 LIVED WHERE THEY SAID WE LIVED, AND ONE OF THE WITNESSES LATER
17 COMPLETELY DISCREDITED HERSELF IN A DOCUMENT I HAVE HERE. I
18 HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL OF THEIR LIST OF DEMANDS, BUT MY SOCIAL
19 WORKER KEPT DENYING THAT SHE RECEIVED ANY OF THESE DOCUMENTS.
20 MY PARENTS IN ILLINOIS WERE TOLD THEY CAN'T FOSTER OUR ADOPT
21 MY CHILDREN BECAUSE MY SON IS SO BONDED-- ARE YOU LISTENING,
22 MR. ANTONOVICH? THIS IS MY CHILDREN I'M TALKING ABOUT. I DON'T
23 NEED YOU TALKING TO SOMEONE ELSE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I WAS REFERRING TO YOUR FORM TO SPEAK
2 IN THE WRONG BATCH. WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE OAK TREES, BUT I
3 UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE ISSUE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
4 FAMILY SERVICES, THAT ISSUE ON YOUR CHILDREN IS NOW IN THE
5 COURT AND WE DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO INTERFERE WITH A COURT
6 PROCEEDING.

7

8 **MARY O'CONNOR:** THE COURTS HAVE A HISTORY OF LISTENING TO
9 WHATEVER D.C.F.S. SAYS AND IF THEY WANTED TO CLOSE THE CASE,
10 THEY COULD. THE COURT WOULDN'T FORCE THEM TO PROCEED. THE
11 COURT LOOKS AT THEIR RECOMMENDATION. THEIR RECOMMENDATION
12 BASED ON PHONY REPORTS SAYING THEY NEVER RECEIVED DOCUMENTS
13 THAT I HAVE WRITTEN PROOF THEY RECEIVED.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. CZAMANSKE, YOU HAVE SIX
16 MINUTES.

17

18 **DAVID CZAMANSKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. ANTONOVICH. THANK
19 YOU FOR RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON DECEMBER
20 7TH THAT THERE WOULD BE A 30-DAY DELAY ON THIS PROJECT. WE DO
21 APPRECIATE THAT. THE FIRST THING I HAVE TO GIVE YOU IS A
22 PETITION, SIGNED, IT'S ONLINE PETITION SIGNED AS OF THIS
23 MORNING BY 1,388 SIGNATURES, BASICALLY URGING THAT AN
24 ALTERNATIVE DISPOSAL SITE BE FOUND FOR THE SEDIMENT TO BE
25 REMOVED BEHIND THE SAN ANITA DAM. IT ALSO SITES SEVEN



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1 ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE THIS POSITION. IF
2 SOMEONE CAN CONVEY THAT TO THE SUPERVISOR. MY PURPOSE OF
3 SPEAKING TODAY IS TO ASK THAT YOU EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON
4 DESTRUCTION OF THE OAK WOODLANDS FOR ONE ADDITIONAL WEEK UNTIL
5 JANUARY 18TH SO THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE SUFFICIENT
6 TIME TO REVIEW AND RESPOND TO THE HUNDRED-PAGE REPORT DATED
7 JANUARY 6TH. I MAKE THIS REQUEST FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:
8 ALTHOUGH THE REPORT IS DATED JANUARY 6TH AND WAS DELIVERED TO
9 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT EVENING, IT WAS NOT POSTED ON
10 THE DEPARTMENT'S WEB SITE UNTIL THE LATE AFTERNOON ON FRIDAY,
11 JANUARY 7TH. EXCUSE ME JUST A MOMENT HERE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM SOMETIMES.
14 THEY STICK TOGETHER. NO PROBLEM.

15

16 **DAVID CZAMANSKE:** ALTHOUGH CHRIS STONE, DIRECTOR OF THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, HAD ASSURED ME IN A
18 TELEVISION CONVERSATION ON JANUARY 4TH THAT HE WOULD PLACE A
19 PHONE CALL TO ME AS SOON AS THE REPORT WAS POSTED ON THE
20 DEPARTMENT'S WEB SITE, HE DID NOT DO SO AND STILL HAS NOT DONE
21 SO. CONSEQUENTLY, I DID NOT BECOME AWARE OF THE REPORT UNTIL
22 LATE ON THE DAY OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 7TH. THE REPORT AS WRITTEN
23 CONTAINED EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE CONTAINS SEVERAL INTERNAL
24 INCONSISTENCIES AND UNSUBSTANTIATED STATEMENT. TO CITE BUT ONE
25 EXAMPLE, THE REPORT STATES THAT THE 1-1/2-MILE CONVEYOR BELT



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1 SYSTEM THAT THE CONTRACTOR WILL USE HAS BEEN SPECIALLY
2 MANUFACTURED AT A COST OF \$1.3 MILLION, AND THAT MODIFICATION
3 OF THIS 10-FOOT-WIDE BELT CORRIDOR WITH THE APPROXIMATE TWO OR
4 300 YARDS THROUGH THE OAK WOODLANDS, APPROXIMATELY ONE-TENTH
5 OF THE DISTANCE WOULD COST 1.5 MILLION, MORE THAN THE ENTIRE
6 COST OF THE MILE AND A HALF BELT. HOW COULD THIS BE? WHERE IS
7 THE SUBSTANTIATION FOR THIS FIGURE? THERE IS NONE. AND WHERE
8 IS SUBSTANTIATION FOR THE ASSERTION THAT THIS WOULD DELAY THE
9 PROJECT FOR ONE YEAR? IN ORDER TO AVOID SUCH UNSUBSTANTIATED
10 AND INCONSISTENT STATEMENTS, SEVERAL OF US, AS CHRISTLE
11 BALDWIN MENTIONED, RESPECTFULLY AND REPEATEDLY ASKED CHRIS
12 STONE TO MEET INFORMALLY TO DISCUSS THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE
13 TO THE NUMEROUS CONCERNS AND ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS THAT HAVE
14 BEEN MADE. ALTHOUGH INITIALLY HE SEEMED RECEPTIVE TO THIS
15 REQUEST, HE DECLINED TO DO SO IN A PHONE CONVERSATION WITH ME
16 ON JANUARY 4TH STATING "WHAT WILL BE THE PURPOSE? WE'RE
17 PREPARING THE REPORT, WHICH WILL ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS."
18 IT'S PERHAPS WORTH NOTING THAT ALL OF US ARE HERE TODAY IN
19 RESPONSE TO OUR OVERRIDING CONCERNS ABOUT PRESERVATION OF A
20 VIBRANT OAK WOODLANDS ECOSYSTEM, NOT MERELY A FEW TREES. NOT
21 ONCE IN THE REPORT'S TWO-PAGE BOARD OFFICE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
22 ARE THE WORDS OAK TREE OR OAK WOODLANDS EVEN MENTIONED. AND
23 SELDOM ARE THOSE WORDS MENTIONED IN THE REPORT ITSELF.
24 INSTEAD, THE REPORT IS PAPERED WITH NUMEROUS IDENTICAL
25 BOILERPLATE LETTERS FROM WATER SUPPLY AGENCIES, MOST OF WHICH



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1 ARE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE SANTA ANITA WATERSHED, THAT WERE
2 OBVIOUSLY SOLICITED BY THE DEPARTMENT ITSELF. NOW I'M NOT
3 CONTESTING THAT WATER SUPPLY IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, MR.
4 CHAIRMAN AND BOARD, BUT TO SOLICIT SIX OR SEVEN OR EIGHT OR
5 NINE LETTERS THAT HAVE IDENTICAL WORDING DOESN'T ADVANCE THE
6 CONVERSATION, DOES IT, REALLY. THIS REPORT IS TONE DEAF TO THE
7 OUTSPOKEN AND WELL-FOUNDED PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF CONCERN ABOUT
8 PROTECTING THE WOODLANDS. INSTEAD OF RESPONDING BY SAYING,
9 "HEY, WE HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR," THE DEPARTMENT HAS
10 RESPONDED, "WHAT WAS THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY? DON'T YOU
11 UNDERSTAND, WE HAVE A SIMPLE PLAN TO CUT DOWN THOSE TREES AND
12 DUMP SEDIMENT THERE AND WE CAN'T FIGURE OUT ANY OTHER WAY TO
13 DO THAT," EVEN THOUGH I BELIEVE THIS DEPARTMENT HAS PROBABLY
14 SOME OF THE BEST CIVIL ENGINEERS IN THE NATION. THERE'S MUCH
15 MORE TO SAY BUT IT CAN'T BE SAID IN TWO OR THREE OR FIVE
16 MINUTES. THAT'S WHY I WOULD ASK FOR AN ADDITIONAL WEEK FOR US
17 TO REVIEW IN DETAIL AND RESPOND SUBSTANTIVELY TO THIS HUNDRED-
18 PAGE REPORT. I WOULD ONLY POINT OUT THAT IN CONTRAST TO THE
19 ASSERTION MADE IN THE REPORT, MOST OF THE ALTERNATIVES
20 PRESENTED BY CONCERNED CITIZENS AND ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING
21 THE SIERRA CLUB, WHO I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF, WOULD NOT
22 CAUSE DELAY OR ADDITIONAL COSTS. IN FACT, SOME WOULD ACTUALLY
23 EXPEDITE SEDIMENT REMOVAL AND REDUCE COSTS. THE BASIC PROBLEM
24 WITH THIS REPORT IS THAT IT WAS WRITTEN BY THE VERY DEPARTMENT
25 WHICH HAS SPENT THREE YEARS PLANNING THIS PROJECT. THE



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1 DEPARTMENT IS THEREFORE MORE INTERESTED IN DEFENDING ITS PLAN
2 THAN IN RESPONDING IN A CREATIVE WAY TO THE NEWLY EXPRESSED
3 CONCERNS. IN CONCLUSION, FOR THE REASONS STATED ABOVE, I WOULD
4 ASK THE BOARD TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM AN ADDITIONAL 7 DAYS TO
5 JANUARY 18TH SO THAT THE PUBLIC HAS TIME TO ADEQUATELY RESPOND
6 TO SEVERAL OF THE QUESTIONABLE ASSERTIONS THAT ARE CONTAINED
7 THEREIN, AND I WOULD LIKE TO JUST STATE FOR THE RECORD, MR.
8 ANTONOVICH AND THE REST OF THE SUPERVISORS, I AND THE SIERRA
9 CLUB ARE NOT INTERESTED IN POSTPONING THIS PROJECT FOR THE
10 PURPOSE OF DELAY, OKAY, WE'D LIKE TO SEE ANOTHER SOLUTION
11 FOUND. WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF OBJECTIVES OF THE
12 PROJECT. WE DO NOT OBJECT TO THAT AT ALL, BUT WE DO BELIEVE
13 THAT SOME CREATIVE THOUGHT COULD, IN FACT, COME UP WITH SOME
14 ALTERNATIVES THAT ARE, IN FACT, ACCEPTABLE FROM AN ENGINEERING
15 POINT OF VIEW AND FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL
16 PROTECTION, AND I THANK YOU MUCH FOR LISTENING TODAY.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO ASK PUBLIC
19 WORKS TO COME BACK. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS AN
22 ADJOURNING MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. HAD AN
23 ADJOURNMENT MOTION AND I ALSO HAD AN ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. I'D LIKE
2 TO CALL TO EVERYONE'S ATTENTION THE PASSING OF MAXCY FILER.
3 SOME WILL KNOW THAT MAXCY FILER DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AS BEING
4 KNOWN AS MR. COMPTON. BORN IN ARKANSAS ON JUNE 29, 1930, AND
5 IN 1951, AFTER SERVING IN WORLD WAR II, HE MOVED TO COMPTON.
6 IT WAS THERE THAT MR. FILER FOUND HIS VOICE AS A LONG-TIME,
7 THAT IS A LIFELONG ACTIVIST. HE WAS BEST KNOWN, SOME WOULD
8 ARGUE HAD INTERNATIONAL ACCLAIM, AS HE EARNED PASSING OF THE
9 STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA AFTER SOME 47 ATTEMPTS, THAT IS ON HIS
10 48TH, PASSED AT THE AGE OF 61. MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE HE WAS KNOWN
11 FOR REPRESENTING THE COMPTON N.A.A.C.P. BRANCH AND IN MARCHING
12 1963 WITH DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AS HE DELIVERED THE
13 FAMOUS "I HAVE A DREAM" SPEECH, BUT MANY KNOW HIM BEYOND THOSE
14 DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS AS A CHAMPION OF CIVIL RIGHTS,
15 THE LAW AND THOSE THINGS THAT WERE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF
16 COMPTON AS HE SAW IT. IT WAS ON TUESDAY MORNING THAT HE DIED
17 LAST WEEK AND HE LEAVES TO MOURN HIS PASSING A FAMILY OF LOVED
18 ONES WHO INCLUDE HIS WIFE, BLONDELL, HIS SISTERS, CARRIE AND
19 VIVIAN, SEVEN CHILDREN, MAXINE, DUANE, KELVIN, WHO PRESIDES AS
20 A JUDGE IN THE CITY OF COMPTON, STEPHANIE, ANTHONY, DENNIS,
21 AND TRACY, AND 14 GRANDCHILDREN, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, AS
22 WELL AS FOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, SO WE INTRODUCE THIS MOTION
23 IN MEMORY OF MAXCY FILER, A SENSE OF RESPECT AND FONDNESS FOR
24 HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF COMPTON AND BEYOND THE COUNTY
25 OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
3 ORDERED.

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST WOULD ADD, I WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THAT.
6 I'VE KNOWN MAXCY FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND LONG BEFORE I WAS IN
7 THE POLITICAL PROCESS, COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE AND THE
8 OPTIMIST CLUB, THE OLD COMPTON OPTIMIST CLUB, AND MAXCY WAS
9 QUITE A CHARACTER, TO SAY THE LEAST, BUT REALLY WAS ALWAYS
10 OPTIMISTIC ABOUT RESHAPING COMPTON AND ITS IMAGE AND WHAT THE
11 CITY STOOD FOR AND HE WAS AN ACTIVE PART OF THAT. HE WALKED
12 THE WALK AND HE WILL BE MISSED BY A LOT OF PEOPLE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALSO,
15 CATALINA GUZMAN, WHO IS THE GRANDMOTHER OF MY DEPUTY, EDELL
16 SCURILLA, PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING AS WELL. IN HER MEMORY.
17 EDELL'S MY NEW PLANNING DEPUTY. SO, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
18 ORDERED, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SO ORDERED. I
19 KNOW THIS WAS NOT A SCHEDULED EVENT ON THE AGENDA, BUT UNDER
20 PUBLIC COMMENT, AND I KNOW THERE WAS CORRESPONDENCE THAT WE
21 HAVE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT HAD COME IN ON THE 22ND
22 FROM MR. STONE RELATIVE TO PROPOSAL ALTERNATIVE 5 ON THE SITE
23 AND IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT THAT THAT WAS
24 NOT A PART OF THE E.I.R.. THE QUESTION IS, WHAT IS-- WHAT DID



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1 YOU MEAN BY THAT CORRESPONDENCE THAT IT WAS NOT PART OF THE
2 E.I.R.?

3

4 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** MR. MAYOR, A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED HERE
5 BECAUSE OF COURSE THIS HAS NOT BEEN ON THE AGENDA, AND IF WE
6 ARE NOW TALKING ABOUT FACTS AND TESTIMONY FROM THE DEPARTMENT,
7 YOU KNOW, THIS IS JUST PUBLIC COMMENT. CERTAINLY A WORD OF
8 CLARIFICATION IS IT'S CERTAINLY APPROPRIATE. THIS BOARD OFTEN
9 DOES THAT IN PUBLIC COMMENT TO TRY AND CLARIFY ISSUES AND TO
10 PERHAPS HAVE FUTURE MEETINGS WITH STAFF MEMBERS. AND SO-- AND
11 I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THAT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CLARIFY SOME OF THE COMMENTS.

14

15 **MARK ESTRELLA:** I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR? CAN YOU REPEAT?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IF YOU COULD CLARIFY SOME OF THE
18 COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
19 ISSUE.

20

21 **MARK ESTRELLA:** I'D LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE
22 COMMUNITY FOR COMING HERE. I THINK THE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES
23 AND HAS RECOGNIZED AND, OF COURSE, YOUR BOARD HAS RECOGNIZED
24 FOR SOME TIME THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
25 RESOURCES, AND THE PROTECTION OF THOSE NATURAL RESOURCES



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1 THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE FLOOD
2 CONTROL SYSTEM, BUT YOU ALSO RECOGNIZED THROUGH THE APPROVAL
3 OF THIS PROJECT WHICH I REMIND YOU IS A THREE-YEAR PROJECT IN
4 WHICH WE DID ANALYZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OAK TREES THAT HAVE
5 BEEN MENTIONED HERE TODAY, THEIR VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY AS
6 WELL AS THE IMPACTS THAT WE WOULD HAVE HAD WITH RESPECT TO
7 TRUCKING FROM THE SITE, AND THAT COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW WAS
8 REFLECTED IN THE BOARD REPORT THAT WE SENT TO YOU. THE BOARD
9 REPORT, WE WEREN'T REQUIRED BY THE BOARD REPORT TO DISSEMINATE
10 THAT TO THE PUBLIC BUT, IN FACT, WE DID SEEK THE PUBLIC'S
11 INPUT WITHOUT YOUR DIRECTION BY HOLDING A PUBLIC MEETING IN
12 THE COMMUNITY IN MID DECEMBER AND A NUMBER OF THE SPEAKERS WHO
13 WERE HERE, VERY ELOQUENT TODAY WERE HERE, GAVE TESTIMONY THAT
14 MEETING WHEN WE REFLECTED THAT TESTIMONY IN THE REPORT TO YOU,
15 SUPERVISOR. SOME OF THE ALTERNATIVES AND SOME OF THE IDEAS
16 THAT HAVE COME UP BOTH BY SOME OF THE LOCAL SOIL ENGINEERS AND
17 CIVIL ENGINEERS HAVE BEEN LOOKED AT BY OUR DEPARTMENT AS WELL
18 AND HAS BEEN REFLECTED IN OUR REPORT. I THINK OUR REPORT
19 REFLECTS PROBABLY THE MOST-- IT IS THE MOST SUSTAINABLE
20 APPROACH FOR THIS PARTICULAR CONDITION, GIVEN ALL OF THE
21 RESTRICTIONS ON THE DEPARTMENT AND OUR ABILITY TO MOVE
22 SEDIMENT THROUGH A COMMUNITY. I WOULD REMIND YOU ALSO THAT
23 SANTA ANITA DAM AND THE CANYON ABOVE AND ITS WATERSHED WOULD
24 NATURALLY DISPOSIT THIS SEDIMENT, IN PARTICULAR THIS AREA, AND
25 OTHER AREAS ALL THE WAY TO THE 210 FREEWAY AND FURTHER IF



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1 THERE WAS NO DAM EXISTING IN THIS PLACE. SO ACTING LOCALLY,
2 WE'VE DECIDED TO MOVE THE SEDIMENT TO A LOCATION THAT IS--
3 WOULD HAVE BEEN A RECIPIENT OF THE SEDIMENT IN A NATIVE
4 CONDITION AS WELL. THE OTHER THING THAT HAS TO BE EMPHASIZED,
5 SUPERVISOR, IS THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS DAM AND THE SAFETY OF
6 THE COMMUNITY THAT WE'RE SERVING. THE INUNDATION AREA THAT
7 WE'VE MAPPED OUT IN AN EVENT, A COLLAPSE OF THE DAM AGAIN
8 WOULD AFFECT OVER 56,000 RESIDENTS IN THIS COMMUNITY. SOME OF
9 THE TRUCKING OPTIONS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN PROPOSED WOULD
10 REQUIRE US TO TRUCK PAST LOCAL SCHOOLS AS WELL AS THE
11 COMMUNITY THAT ALREADY RAISED ITS VOICE ABOUT THAT TRUCKING,
12 AND SO, AGAIN, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE COMMUNITY, THE
13 DEPARTMENT UNDER YOUR DIRECTION HAS FOLLOWED A VERY, VERY
14 THOROUGH APPROACH, COMPLIED WITH C.E.Q.A., MET ALL THE
15 REQUIREMENTS ABOUT REACHING C.E.Q.A. AND GONE BEYOND THOSE
16 REQUIREMENTS IN OUR RECOMMENDATION TO YOU IN WHICH YOU
17 APPROVED EARLIER THIS AUGUST TO PROCEED ON THIS PROJECT.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP
20 CLAUDIA ANDRADE, HAROLD RAY, ROBBIE HUNTER, RICHARD ROBINSON.

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22 **CLAUDIA ANDRADE:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CLAUDIA
23 ANDRADE, AND I'VE WORKED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
24 FAMILY SERVICES FOR OVER 20 YEARS AS A FOSTER MOTHER, ADOPTIVE
25 PARENT OF FIVE SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AND A RELENTLESS



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1 ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES INVOLVED WITH D.C.F.S. I
2 COME BEFORE YOU TODAY TO SHARE A SOLUTION TO SOME OF THE
3 PROBLEMS I FEEL THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS FACING, AND WHAT I
4 WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT IS THAT YOU LOOK AT A MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
5 CALLED COMSTAT. COMSTAT IS SAY VERY VIABLE SOLUTION. IT'S A
6 MULTI-LAYERED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT FOCUSES ON
7 ACCOUNTABILITY. IT'S A MANAGEMENT STRATEGY WHERE PERFORMANCE
8 GOALS ARE SET, MANAGERS AND WORKERS ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE AND
9 RESULTS ARE MEASURED NOT YEARLY, NOT QUARTERLY, NOT MONTHLY,
10 BUT WEEK TO WEEK. THE SYSTEM WAS ORIGINATED IN NEW YORK UNDER
11 BILL BRATTON WHERE IT GAINED INTERNATIONAL NOTORIETY AND AS A
12 RESULT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMSTAT, HE BROUGHT FULL
13 IMPLEMENTATION HERE TO L.A.P.D. AND THE COHESION BETWEEN THE
14 DEPARTMENT AND THE CRIME RATES THAT IT HAS BROUGHT AS A RESULT
15 ARE MOST NOTABLE. WE'RE EXPERIENCING CRIME RATES AT THOSE
16 LEVELS THAT WERE IN THE 1950S. L.A.P.D. CONTINUES TO
17 DEMONSTRATE GREAT SUCCESS UNDER COMSTAT AND ONCE AGAIN GAINING
18 NATIONAL RECOGNITION AS A LEADING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. NO
19 MAJOR AGENCIES THAT HAVE IMPLEMENTED COMSTAT HAVE ABANDONED
20 THE PROJECT. MOREOVER, THE CITY OF BALTIMORE HAS JUST
21 CELEBRATED ITS 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY IMPLEMENTING ITS VERSION OF
22 CITYSTAT THAT HAS HELPED THREE ADMINISTRATIONS STREAMLINE
23 BUREAUCRACY, IMPROVE CITY SERVICES AND REDUCE EMPLOYEE
24 ABSENTEEISM. IT'S CUT COSTS AND PROVIDED EXECUTIVE DIRECTION
25 TO BALTIMORE'S MAJOR OPERATIONAL AGENCIES. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR



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1 ME TO DETAIL EVERY ASPECT OF HOW COMSTAT COULD BE IMPLEMENTED
2 IN D.C.F.S. IN THIS SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME THAT I HAVE. I'VE
3 SPENT YEARS STUDYING THE SYSTEM, I'VE ATTENDED COUNTLESS
4 COMSTAT MEETINGS WITH L.A.P.D. AND HAVE WATCHED FIRSTHAND HOW
5 THIS SYSTEM WORKS. I FEEL SO COMMITTED TO THIS SOLUTION THAT
6 I'VE MADE ITS IMPLEMENTATION AT D.C.F.S. THE BASIS OF MY
7 GRADUATE WORK. I REPRESENT THE VOTERS AND YOUR CONSTITUENCY
8 AND ALL OF THE ABUSED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WHEN I SAY THAT
9 THIS DEPARTMENT NEEDS MORE THAN JUST A LEADERSHIP CHANGE. I'M
10 ASKING YOU TO PLEASE STOP CHANGING THE MASK ON THE MONSTER
11 THAT IS D.C.F.S. AND CONSIDER A REAL SOLUTION. THERE'S NO
12 QUESTION AS TO YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE TROUBLED CHILDREN AND
13 FAMILIES OF OUR COUNTY AS DEMONSTRATED BY YOUR RELENTLESS
14 EFFORTS TO TRY AND HARNESS THIS AGENCY, AND I BELIEVE THAT
15 COMSTAT CAN BE YOUR BRIDLE. ISRAELI POLITICAL FIGURE ABBA EBAN
16 SAID, "HISTORY TEACHES US THAT MEN AND NATIONS BEHAVE WISELY
17 ONLY AFTER THEY HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL OVER ALTERNATIVES." COMSTAT
18 CAN AND WILL BRING ACCOUNTABILITY, COHESION, TRANSPARENCY AND
19 EFFICIENCY TO D.C.F.S.. I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK IF I COULD MEET
20 WITH MR. FUJIOKA TO DO A MORE COMPOUNDED PRESENTATION IN
21 SHOWING JUST EXACTLY HOW COMSTAT COULD BE EASILY-- WELL, NOT
22 EASILY, BUT TANGIBLY IMPLEMENTED IN D.C.F.S. AND I WOULD
23 APPRECIATE THAT CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR?



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2 **HAROLD RAY:** I'M HAROLD RAY, AND I'VE GOT SOME PAPERWORK THERE

3 FOR EACH ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS, AND THE DEAL IS THAT ON THIS

4 HERE SUPERVISORS, THEY HAD TO TAKE AN OATH, EVERY SINGLE ONE

5 OF YOU HAD TO TAKE AN OATH, AND THAT OATH IS VERY IMPORTANT.

6 THAT OATH IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT SAID THAT YOU WILL

7 UPHOLD THE FEDERAL AND STATE CONSTITUTION. SO FAR WE HAVE AN

8 ABATEMENT TEAM THAT HAS COME UP INTO L.A. COUNTY AND THEY'RE

9 GOING TO OUT WITH PAINTBALL GUNS AND TASERS, THEY CALL THEM

10 THE MAP TEAM, AND THAT MAP TEAM GOES OUT WITH THESE GUNS AND

11 TASERS, WITHOUT HAVING A WARRANT TO GO ONTO THE PROPERTY. THE

12 CONSTITUTION GUARANTEES THAT YOU'LL HAVE A WARRANT IN ORDER TO

13 GO ONTO THESE PARTICULAR LOCATIONS. BUT THEY COME IN WITH

14 PAINTBALL GUNS AND TASERS AND THEY PUT A GUN TO-- IN FACT,

15 FARRELL, WHO WAS THE SHERIFF THERE, HE PUT A GUN TO A LADY'S

16 HEAD THAT WAS IN A WHEELCHAIR. SHE HAD CANCER AND SHE WAS VERY

17 SICK AND HE-- THE ONLY REASON THEY CAME TO THAT LOCATION WAS

18 TO TURN AROUND-- SHE HAD A QUONSET IN THE-BACK AND THEY WANTED

19 THAT QUONSET TAKEN DOWN. HE HELD HER THERE AT THE FRONT OF THE

20 HOUSE IN THAT WHEELCHAIR UNTIL THEY SEARCHED THE TRAILER,

21 MOTOR HOME THAT WAS THERE, WHICH SHE HAD A HOSPICE COMMUNITY

22 TO STAY WE ARE WHEN THEY TOOK THE STUFF OUT OF THAT BEDROOM

23 AND PUT IT INTO THE TRAILER, INTO THAT MOTOR HOME, AND HE

24 SAID, "WELL, SOMEBODY'S LIVING IN THAT MOTOR HOME AND THEY'RE

25 GOING TO CHECK THAT." THEY WENT THROUGH THE WHOLE HOUSE AND



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1 CHECKED OUT EVERYTHING AND THEN THEY TOLD HER TO GET RID OF
2 THAT QUONSET HUT, "YOU'VE GOT 30 DAYS TO TAKE IT DOWN." THIS
3 IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND WE THE PEOPLE, WE ARE THE PEOPLE, ARE
4 THE GOVERNMENT, AND YOU SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS, AND ON
5 THAT FIXED COUNTY GOVERNMENT, IT'S GOING TO GET FIXED, IT'S
6 GOING TO GET FIXED BY THE CONSTITUTION.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WALTER BECHTEL AND ETHEL
9 JOHNSON.

10

11 **ROBBIE HUNTER:** MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS ROBBIE
12 HUNTER. I'M A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL
13 HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND I'M HERE TO SHARE SOME INFORMATION ON
14 PROJECT DELIVERY AGREEMENTS TODAY. I HAVE A DOCUMENT OF THE
15 LATEST NUMBERS OF L.A. COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON WORK THAT HAS BEEN
16 DONE ON THE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE
17 TO YOU AT THE END OF SPEAKING. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE 19
18 PROJECTS ON L.A. CITY AND THE LOS ANGELES BUILDING TRADES.
19 AFTER 19 AGREEMENTS, THE PRODUCTIVITY AND THE SUCCESS AND THE
20 LOCAL HIRE THAT THE CITY HAS SIGNED A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR
21 100 MORE PROJECTS. L.A.X. HAS DONE A 10-YEAR AGREEMENT THAT
22 HAS EXPIRED WITH THE BUILDING TRADES. THE SUCCESS OF THAT
23 AGREEMENT HAS LED TO THE AIRPORT DOING AN EXTENSION OF A 10-
24 YEAR AGREEMENT THAT WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE COMMUNITY
25 COLLEGE HAS HAD GREAT SUCCESS WITH A LOCAL HIRE AND WITH



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1 NUMBERS AND CONTRACTORS THAT HAVE BID. L.A.U.S.D. THAT HAS
2 DONE A \$35 BILLION AGREEMENT WITH US HAS 38 PERCENT OF ALL
3 MAN-HOURS WORKED AT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS BEEN DONE BY L.A.
4 DISTRICT RESIDENTS. 71 PERCENT OF ALL HOURS WORKED UNDER
5 L.A.U.S.D. PROJECTS, UNDER PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN
6 DONE BY L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS AND WE BELIEVE THIS IS THE
7 REASON THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD CONSIDER AND LOOK AT THESE
8 NUMBERS WHEN LOOKING AT AN AGREEMENT FOR TO DO A LOCAL
9 STIMULUS PLAN WITH YOUR OWN DOLLAR. THANK YOU, SIR.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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13 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** HONORABLE MAYOR --

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** EXCUSE ME. COSMO BUA. YES, MR.

16 ROBINSON.

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18 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** HONORABLE MAYOR, MEMBERS, HOMELESS PEOPLE
19 ARE NOT THE PROBLEM. THE PROBLEM IS HOMELESSNESS. SIR, THE-- I
20 ARRIVED IN 1971 FROM THE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.
21 I WAS DRIVING A NEW CHEVROLET, I WAS LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO
22 STAY. I PARKED AT THE FORMER MILLION-DOLLAR HOTEL AT FIFTH AND
23 MAIN. IN THE 40 YEARS SINCE, I'VE SWEEPED THE STREETS, I'VE
24 CLEANED TOILETS FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE, AND I KNOW THAT THAT THAT
25 HOTEL, ONCE RETROFITTED, REMODELED, REBUILT IN ORDER TO



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1 MAINTAIN ITS ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY CAN SAVE, WITH YOUR HELP,
2 THOUSANDS OF LIVES.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. ARNOLD SACHS.

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6 **WALTER BECKTEL:** YOU WANT ME TO SPEAK NOW? OKAY. MY NAME IS
7 WALTER BECKTEL. YOU'RE ONLY GOING TO GIVE US A MINUTE TODAY,
8 SO I JUST WANT TO REITERATE SOMETHING I THINK I'VE SAID
9 ALREADY. IF YOU HAVE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, IT'S NOT A TIME WHEN
10 YOU CAN HIDE PEOPLE OUT, BLOOD SUCKERS FROM CANADA ESPECIALLY.
11 IT'S JUST LIKE WHAT IT SAYS IN THE BIBLE THERE. I MEAN, I'M AN
12 AGNOSTIC MYSELF, BUT SOME OF THOSE THINGS MAKE A LOT OF SENSE.
13 IT SAYS, YOU NEED TO MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR ACCUSER LEST YOUR
14 ACCUSER HANDS YOU OVER TO THE JUDGE AND THE JUDGE HANDS YOU
15 OVER TO THE JAILER. I TELL YOU, YOU WILL NOT GET OUT UNTIL YOU
16 HAVE PAID THE LAST PENNY. I KEEP TELLING YOU PEOPLE ABOUT
17 PEOPLE WITHOUT INTEGRITY WHO ARE STEALING, THEFT BY DECEPTION
18 AND STEALING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, I TOLD YOU, I GRADUATED
19 FROM U.C.S.D. AND YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME--

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS UP. YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK
22 YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT? I DON'T HAVE THE LIST. ETHEL? GO AHEAD.

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24 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** OKAY. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO MR.
25 KNABE, I'VE BEEN IN YOUR AREA A LITTLE WHILE, MIKE ANTONOVICH,



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1 MR.-- HONORABLE, HONORABLE MR. ANTONOVICH, IS THERE ANY WAY
2 THAT I CAN HAVE A MEETING WITH THE COUNCIL? BECAUSE THIS IS
3 MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE. YOU REMEMBER I GAVE YOU MY PAPERS AND
4 STUFF WITH MY MILITARY SERVICE AND I HAVE A B.B.A. HEARING,
5 BUT MY PAPERS AND EVERYTHING IS IN SAN DIMAS, AND YOUR OFFICE
6 THERE HAS BEEN VERY NICE, VERY NICE, BUT I HAVEN'T GOTTEN MY
7 PAPERS OR ANYTHING, AND I WANTED TO SEE IF YOU WOULD REFILE
8 AND LET THEM KNOW THAT I WOULD LIKE TO GET MY MILITARY PAPERS
9 BECAUSE I HAVE A B.B.A. HEARING IN WASHINGTON, D.C..

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CHECK MY SAN DIMAS AND SEE
12 WHERE YOUR PAPERWORK IS.

13

14 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** I HAVE TO HAVE A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH THE
15 COUNCILL BECAUSE THIS IS-- YOU SEE THIS? ELDERLY ABUSE AND IN
16 THE AREA OF KNABE AND IN OUR AREAS, YOU KNOW, THEY COME TO ME
17 WITH-- THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO I AM, BUT A LOT OF THE WOMEN
18 HAS BEEN ABUSED, SENIORS, ELDERLY. OKAY?

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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22 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** AND THIS IS MY FRIEND, PETER MATTHEWS. I WORK
23 WITH HIM.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. DAVID SERRANO AND
2 ERIC PREVEN.

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4 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** IS THERE ANY WAY I COULD SPEAK TO THOMAS--

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SEE IF THERE'S A DEPUTY OVER THERE.

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8 **COSMO BUA:** MAY NAME IS COSMOS BUA. I'M PRESIDENT OF THE
9 NONPROFIT CALLED TREE SAVERS BASED IN SANTA MONICA. REGARDING
10 DESTROYING OUR FOREST AT THIS ARCADIA LOCATION FOR SEDIMENT
11 REMOVAL, I CAME TO ASK THAT THE SUPERVISORS REQUIRE
12 CULTIVATION IN COUNTY STAFF OF SOME COMPASSION FOR OTHER
13 LIVING BEINGS. WE CAN NO LONGER CLAIM OUR ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES
14 ARE THE RESULT OF IGNORANCE. THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR
15 DESTROYING THIS WOODLAND ECOSYSTEM. ALL THE FACTS HAVE BEEN
16 GIVEN TO YOU BY PEOPLE MUCH BETTER INFORMED THAN I AM. THERE
17 IS AN EXPRESSION THAT SAYS THAT THE ENDS DON'T JUSTIFY THE
18 MEANS, BUT, IN FACT, IT IS ONLY THE ENDS THAT CAN EVER JUSTIFY
19 THE MEANS. PROCESS DOESN'T EXIST FOR ITSELF. WHEN IT CLEARLY
20 HASN'T WORKED, AS IN THIS CASE, YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY AND THE
21 OBLIGATION TO OVERRIDE IT. EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM FOR ONE
22 WEEK ON DUMPING ON THIS FOREST IS VERY LITTLE TO ASK, AND
23 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. ARNOLD SACHS.



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ARNOLD SACHS: THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. COUPLE
OF THINGS. I MENTIONED EARLIER, DOWNTOWN NEWS, ANOTHER ITEM IN
THIS WEEK'S DOWNTOWN NEWS IS THE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE
N.F.L.'S-- THE FOOTBALL STADIUM TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY
COUNCIL AND YET IN-- ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WOULD HOPE THAT
THE COUNTY BOARD MIGHT CONSIDER THROWING THEIR WEIGHT BEHIND
IS THIS ARTICLE THAT WAS IN YESTERDAY'S "L.A. TIMES," EAGLES
TO GET GREENER, ECO- FRIENDLY STADIUM. THE TEAM OWNER FOR THE
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES HAS CREATED A SITUATION AT HIS STADIUM
WHERE THEY'RE DOING BETTER THAN 50 PERCENT IN RECYCLING.
THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TURBINES PROVIDE ELECTRICITY. IF THE
CITY WANTS-- TIM LEIWEKE WANTS TO HAVE A STADIUM BUILT IN
DOWNTOWN L.A. AND EVEN THE COLISEUM, SOME OF THESE IDEAS FOR
ECO-FRIENDLY USAGE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A) BY THE COLISEUM
COMMISSION AND B) NEED TO BE IMPLEMENTED WHEN THIS STADIUM IS
CONSIDERED. ALL THIS TALK, THIS ARTICLE STATES THAT THESE
FACILITIES ARE-- CAN BE MADE TO BE SUFFICIENTLY PROFITABLE FOR
THE OWNERS, THIS IS A PRIVATE OWNER OF A STADIUM. IF THE
PUBLIC IS GOING TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY KIND OF FUNDING, IT
NEEDS TO BE PUT IN THAT IF THE--

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SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

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ARNOLD SACHS: STUFF CAN BE MADE USEFUL, IT SHOULD BE PROVIDED.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SERRANO.

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4 **DAVID SERRANO:** IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF
5 THE HOLY SPIRIT, AMEN. CHRIST JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD, AMEN.
6 IN THE HOLY BIBLE, THE APOCALYPSE PROPHESED THAT AN
7 UNPRECEDENTED, TITANIC, CATAclysmic EARTHQUAKE WILL DESTROY
8 LARGE AREAS OF L.A. AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES. I WANT TO
9 TALK REALLY QUICK ABOUT THE SEVEN SEALS, SEVEN TRUMPETS, AND
10 SEVEN BOWLS. IF YOU READ IT IN ENGLISH, IT SAYS, LIKE, FOR
11 EXAMPLE, TALKING ABOUT THE TRUMPETS, IT TALKS ABOUT THEN THE
12 SECOND ANGEL SOUNDED THE TRUMPET, THEN THE THIRD ANGEL SOUNDED
13 THE TRUMPET, BUT IF YOU READ IT IN ORIGINAL GREEK, IT'S AND,
14 AND, AND, AND THERE'S REALLY NO REASON TO THINK THAT IT'S
15 GOING TO NECESSARILY BE EXACTLY SEQUENTIAL LIKE THAT, BUT
16 ABSOLUTELY THE LORD IS ADMONISHING US. IN THIS PROPHECY ABOUT
17 THE IMPENDING DESTRUCTION OF L.A. COUNTY--

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY
20 MUCH. THANK YOU.

21

22 **DAVID SERRANO:** HAVE A GOOD DAY. GOD BLESS YOU.

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24 **ERIC PREVEN:** MAYOR, YOUR HONOR, I'M VERY RELUCTANT TO GO ON
25 WITH MY COMMENTS ABOUT THIS ONE-MINUTE THING. THERE ARE SOME



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1 PEOPLE WHO SPOKE IN A CLUSTER AND SPOKE FOR FAR LONGER THAN A
2 MINUTE, AND THE WOMAN WHO MADE A VERY NICE PRESENTATION ABOUT
3 D.C.F.S. GOT TO SPEAK FOR A MINUTE, WELL MORE THAN A MINUTE,
4 AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT WAS SHE WAS SAYING SOMETHING THAT WAS
5 INTERESTING TO THE BOARD, OR NOT. BUT I THINK IT'S FAIR IF A
6 GROUP DIVIDES THEIR TIME FOR A MINUTE, BUT I THINK AS MS.
7 ORDEN AND MR. SACHS MAY HAVE JUST BEEN DISCUSSING, IT IS
8 APPROPRIATE THAT WE'RE ENTITLED TO SPEAK FOR THREE MINUTES. I
9 WILL JUST BE VERY BRIEF.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HAD WE NOT HAD SO MANY TODAY SPEAKING,
12 THAT'S THE PROBLEM.

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14 **ERIC PREVEN:** AND I KNOW, AND I THOUGHT YOU DID A VERY GOOD JOB
15 OF HEARING THEM, BUT LET ME GO ON WITH MY REMARKS, AND THEY'RE
16 BASICALLY THE FOLLOWING. I WILL CITE TEN GREAT QUOTES FROM
17 2010. BY "GREAT" YOU CAN IMAGINE THE SARCASM. LIEUTENANT REAL
18 SAID, WHICH I BELIEVE CONSTITUTED A 1983 VIOLATION-- MS. ORDIN
19 CAN EXPLAIN WHAT THAT IS-- WHEN HE TESTIFIED TO GET A WARRANT
20 TO TAKE OUR DOGS, "THEY'RE TERRORIZING CHILDREN AND
21 RESIDENTS." THAT'S LIEUTENANT REAL. NUMBER NINE, ALSO
22 LIEUTENANT REAL TO LIEUTENANT TRINAN AND LIEUTENANT
23 WIESENFELD, HE SAID, "WE DON'T WANT TO ARREST HERL WE JUST
24 WANT TO RESTAIN HER WHILE WE TAKE HER DOGS." NUMBER EIGHT WAS
25 MR. YAROSLAVSKY, WHO UNFORTUNATELY IS NOT HERE TODAY, WHO



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1 SAID, AS YOU WILL RECALL ON OCTOBER 12TH, "DOESN'T MAKE A DAMN
2 BIT OF DIFFERENCE, YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US."

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT, MR.
5 PREVEN, AND WE APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THAT INFORMATION. ONCE
6 AGAIN, BEFORE US, BUT OUR TIME NOW, WE HAVE TO MOVE ON WITH
7 THE REST OF THE AGENDA. WE HAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH A
8 NUMBER OF PEOPLE WAITING FOR THAT MEETING, SO WOULD YOU PLEASE
9 ANNOUNCE THE--

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
12 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
13 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM C.S.-2, C.S.-3, AND
14 C.S.-4, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RECORDING EXISTING
15 LITIGATION, ITEM NUMBER C.S.-5, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
16 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AND
17 ITEM NUMBER C.S.-6, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATION OF
18 CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CHIEF
19 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION JANUARY 11, 2011**

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5 In open session, item CS-1 was continued three weeks to
6 February 1, 2011.

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8 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION
9 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Alejandro
10 Franco v. Michael Gennaco, et al., United States District
11 Court Case No. CV 09 00893.

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13 This litigation arises from allegations of civil rights
14 violations by Sheriff s personnel while plaintiff was in
15 custody. (11-0290)

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17 The Board determined to deny the requests for indemnification
18 made by the three individually named deputies in this case.
19 The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being
20 present.

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22 No reportable action was taken on items CS-3, CS-5 or CS-6.

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24 In closed session, item CS-4 was continued one week to January
25 18, 2011.



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